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Just Look At Us



Before the junior class came to the cafeteria for their annual yearbook assembly, some of the yearbook staff, who is helping with the assembly, goof off. The yearbook company, Herff Jones, provided each member of the yearbook staff with one of the T-shirts announcing "THE best yet." "Yearbook is fun because you get to wear the sexy shirts and meet a lot of interesting people," Carrie Filsinger said. Erin Wampler (not pictured), commented that she got to work with people she wouldn't have talked to otherwise.

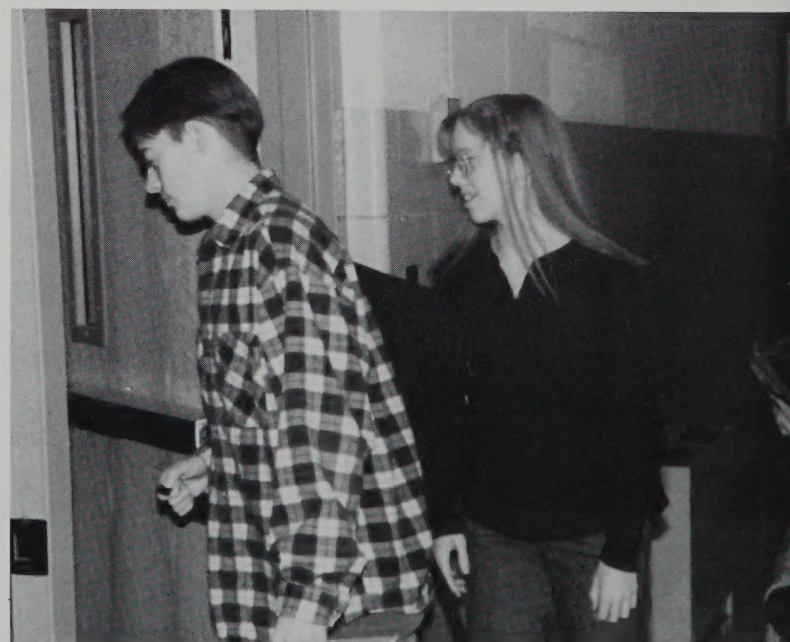
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Students like coming back to school to socialize, not to begin a year of more work

In a way, I like coming back to school because I get to see all my friends, but I still don't like the homework," Erin Wampler, sophomore, said. **B**y the sounds in the hall on August 29, not many students thought this way. "I get too involved with going out every night with my friends to be concerned with school," Bobby Gray, junior, said. "In other words, I was having too much fun." **A** few freshmen admitted they were scared of the four period and 90 minute classes but now that they experienced it, they liked it. "**T**he four period day is fun," Ben Bernard, freshman, said. "Also, this year the juniors are really cool." **A**nother school year has begun. What did you say? Another day, another grade.

After walking the same path for a few weeks, students like Matt Sincell and Janice Plauger could do it with their eyes closed. The familiar halls of the school were not so familiar to the new freshman class even after a few weeks had passed.





During lunch, Andy Ross and Justin Steyer enjoy their steak hoagies. Lunch time proved to be a good time for friends to congregate and discuss their plans for after school and the weekend.

During drafting class, Jason Sines and Roy Sisler are working intensely on their architectural drawings. Drafting was a popular class for the students who planned to use it for their careers and for others who just liked to do precise drawings.



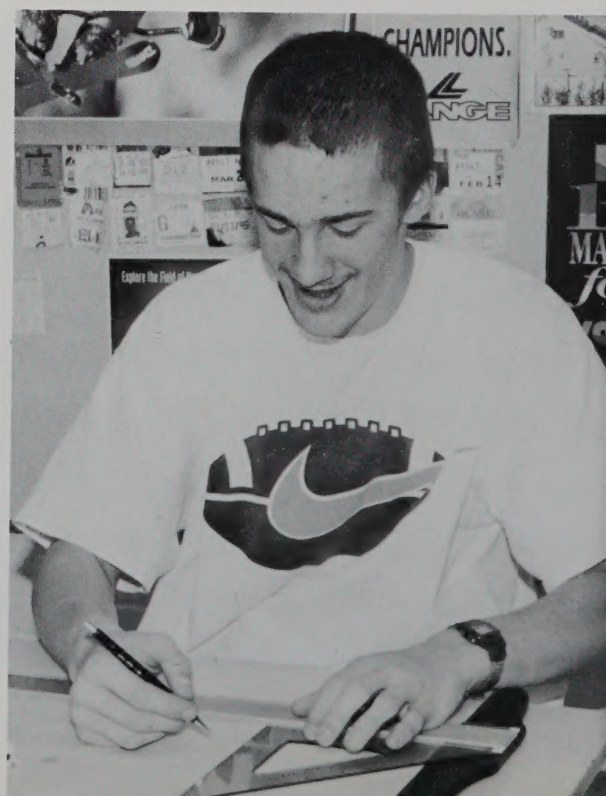
At an after school practice, Bridget Nolan and Maggie Suess work on the careful method of their routines while Amanda Mountain watched. Winter-guard, Colorguard and band took a lot of time and the participating students had to be really devoted to be a part of the group.

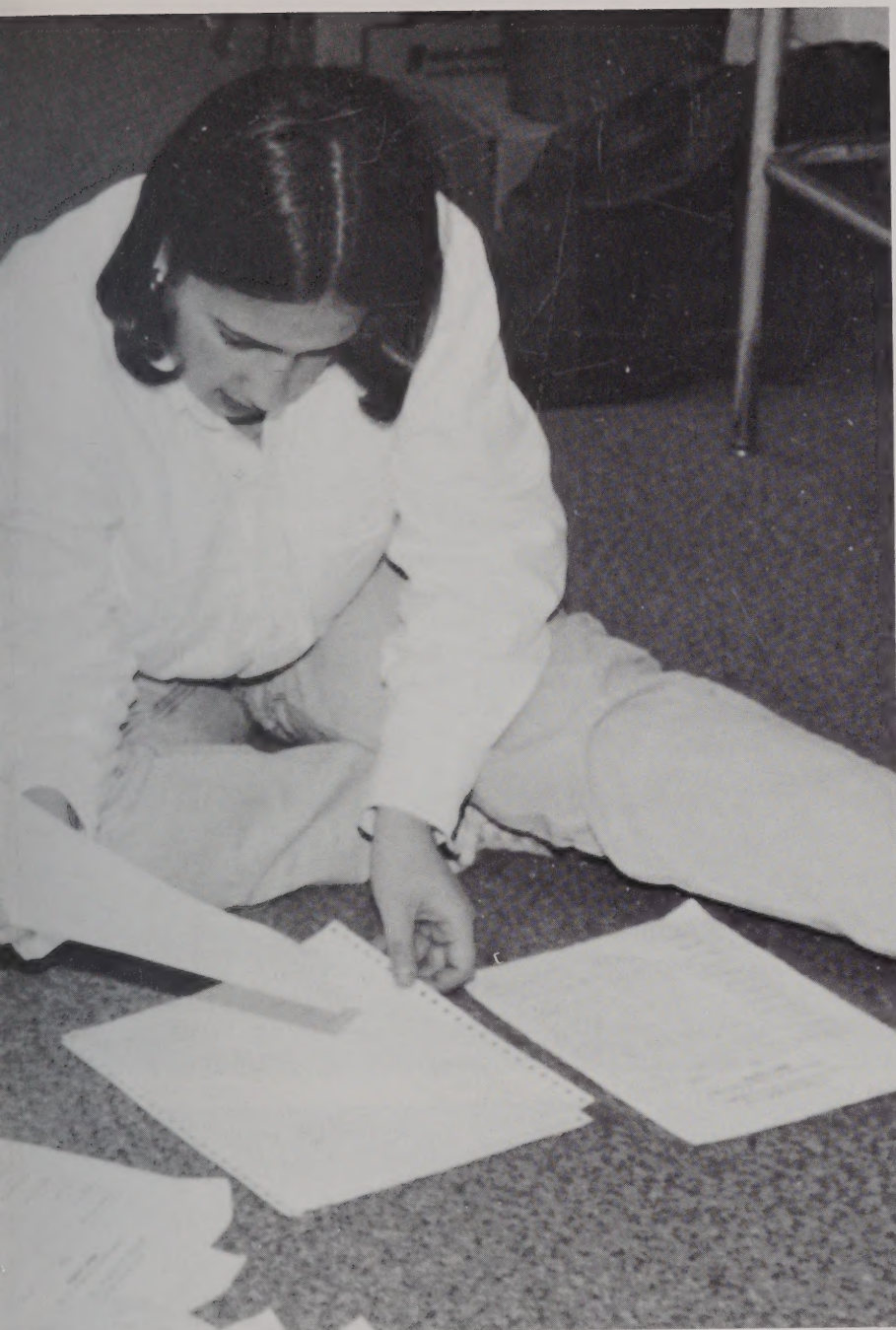
OPINIONS NEVER CHANGE; STUDENTS SEE NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT

Every student shares at least one common opinion about this school," Jeremy Blamble, freshman, said. It seemed that another class came into high school complaining about service learning, lunches and other things along with the natives. "This school is ridiculous," Kristie Sausman, junior, said. "There is service learning hours to be completed, the lunches are gross and 90 minute classes are boring because the teachers only lecture." This seemed to be one opinion shared by some students, but not by all. "I'm never going to forget this year," Eric Cosner, junior, said. "So far, I can say it has been the greatest school year I can remember. We haven't had that much homework but yet we still learn a lot." Some students commented that projects haven't been that bad even with the four period day. "School is getting boring," Adam Chorpenning, junior, said. "But it is okay except for some of my classes. All I do is read, read, and write all night long. Projects are not bad. I have only had a few." Fact: There would never be a time when all students were pleased by their school. The most commonly shared opinion: "Tis the school with lotsa snowdayz," Devin McClive, freshman, said.

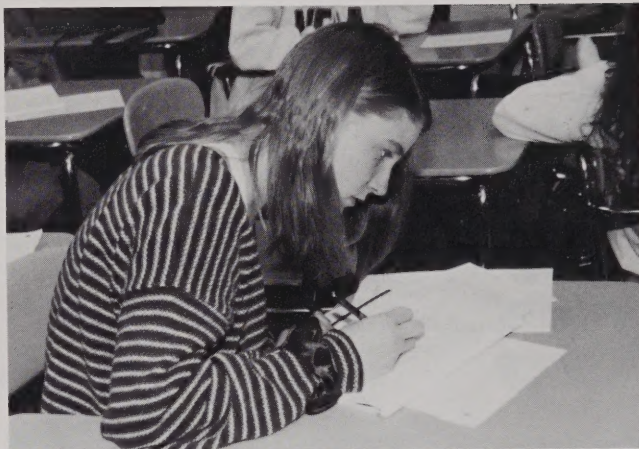
Elizabeth Sines

IN DRAFTING, Mike Flanagan is working on an architectural drawing. "Listening to Mike Welch's and Mr. Freyman's discussions (in drafting class) at times may be very informative."





DURING JOURNALISM, Sharon Ringer and Megan Redinger work on the *Senior Edition*. "I kept the results (of the senior surveys) under lock and key so no one could tamper with the results," Sharon said.



JOURNALISM IS A REALLY fun class," Ary Bosley said. "It gives us a chance to write and express our feelings about things that happen in and around school through the yearbook and newspaper. It is fun to be able to write about topics we want to, instead of it being in English and having a topic you have to write about." Krystal Sharpless is working on a final copy of an *Acorn* article during journalism.



AS STUDENTS SIT BACK and enjoy the play, Matt Sincell, Jason Huber and Krysta Stacy perform for them. "Elwood (Josh Elminger) was the best actor in the play," Jesse Ashby said. "The play wasn't too bad, and it got me out of class."

So much SPIRIT

Students get pumped up for Homecoming; defeat Trojans 39-0

By celebrating **spirit week**, the students got pumped up for homecoming. "I thought Homecoming week was great because everyone had so much school spirit," Amber Foglepole, freshman, said.

Spirit week ended with a pep rally with everybody cheering for and wishing good luck to the varsity football team.

"**Spirit week was** alright, but it would have been better if we would have done something different than the same old things," Derek Everd, sophomore, said. "The football game was great because we won, and the dance was alright, but there were too many people there."

The Rams creamed the Hampshire Trojans 39-0 and continued to be undefeated.

The Saturday after the game was the annual Homecoming dance with the crowning of the king and queen later that night. "Being crowned Homecoming queen felt very awkward, but it was a lot of fun being up there with all of my friends," Queen Hillary Garris, senior, said.

"I thought the **Homecoming** dance was great," Shelley Winters, sophomore, said. "The food was good and the music was great. With all the people there, it got kind of stuffy."

The dance lasted from 8-11 p.m., with Jim Matthews as the photographer. Mr. Z was the DJ with some help from Wendy Craver. The theme song for the dance was *When You Say Nothing At All* by Alison Krauss. This was the largest dance that there has been at the school in a long time with over 400 students attending.

"I thought the **Homecoming** dance was pretty fun except it got really hot because of all the people there," Heather Flores, sophomore, said.



Crown bearer Shane

Weaver allows Mr. Dave

Mayfield to take the crown

off the pillow to crown the

queen. Flower girl

Jennifer Donham waits

patiently for the time to

come to give the roses to

the queen.





WITH THE FEAR of getting a pin prick, Rich Orr holds his hands high as Mrs. Linda Garris pins a boutonniere on him. "It felt good to wear a boutonniere because Mrs. Garris got to put it on me," Rich said.



WITH A LONG LINE to the punch bowl, Coby Bolden fills his cup full of punch. Because of the intense heat from all the students at the dance, the punch bowl quickly emptied.



COURT MEMBERS include (far left) Christy DeWitt and Chad Warnick, Andrea Devens and Joey DiSimone



COURT MEMBERS include Erika Durst and Rich Orr, Kassy Skipper and Howard Crosco, Katelyn McBee and Jason Weaver



COURT MEMBERS include Mandy Rush and Jimmy Burns, Annie Ashby and Todd Howard, Queen Hillary Garris and King Kevin Andrews

Just crowned queen is Hillary Garris along with her king, Kevin Andrews. The queen was crowned by Mr. Dave Mayfield. "I really didn't think about being crowned queen. I was too busy with the game and the dance to think about anything else."

Play is

Elwood was the only sane one among the group

"Some parts of the play were slow, but the ending was very good," Erin Shaffer, sophomore, said. "It was really cool because the story suggested that Elwood was the only sane one among the group."

This was a reaction to the lavishly performed play, *Harvey*. This was the only play put on by the students this past year.

Twenty-nine people tried out for the play, more than Ms. Jane Avery ever had to direct. In the end, there were a total of 11 cast members.

"When you participate in the school play, you are no longer a student from Southern High School; you become the character: a rich snob, a friendly bachelor, an omniscient psychiatrist or even a white rabbit," Megan Battista, senior, said. "It's an inexpensive method of traveling far away from the mundane world."

The most energetic parts of the play were not even a scene in the play. They were the incredibly fast scene changes. Robbie Broadwater and Regina Mick quickly run across the stage. They had their hair frizzed up and screamed as they quickly changed the set.

Megan played Veta, Elwood's widowed sister. A woman of social obligations, determined to marry off her daughter Myrtle Mae (played by Bridget Nolan), she could not tolerate an oversized bunny among her respectable guests.

"I don't remember if this play took longer to learn than others I have done, but I believe this character was harder to develop," Jason Huber, senior, said.

Jason played Dr. Chumley, the psychiatrist who founded Chumley's Rest. During the play, Elwood was taken to this sanitarium because he was thought to be a mental case.

"Ms. Avery was very patient, especially since this was my first role in a play, but as long as I tried to get a visual image of him where I was looking, it was pretty easy," Josh Elmlinger, senior, said.

Mark Ludwig





EXHAUSTED, MEGAN BATTISTA tells her hellish account as Adam Herbert and Bridget Nolan look on. Veta Louise (Battista) was thrown in Chumley's Rest by mistake.

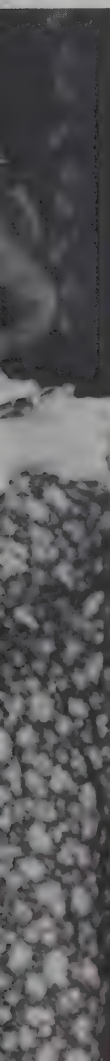


ESTEEMED COLLEAGUES Dr. Sanderson (Matt Sincell) and Dr. Chumley (Jason Huber) discuss what actions they will take in order to find Elwood. Elwood mischievously escaped captured by Dr. Chumley and his assistants.



SHOCKED

TO SEE Josh Elmlinger appear behind her, Rachel Lane lets out a gasp. Rachel plays Dr. Chumley's sincere, but nosy wife.



ELWOOD'S ANNOYING AUNT Ethel is played by Kendra Alexander. Elwood (played by Josh Elmlinger) and Ethel meet for the first time in one of the opening scenes. This was Elmlinger's first school play and one of the many parts for Alexander.

WHILE SPEAKING ABOUT what to do with Elwood, Jason Huber explains that Elwood is crazy. Ryan Anderson makes fun of Jason while he speaks.



"I LIKED THE ACTING in the play a lot," Natalie Carlson said. "It was very humorous and had a well written story. Josh was by far the funniest cast member." In this scene Elwood (Josh) was talking on the phone to a total stranger.

Gangsta's

600 students
can't be wrong:
it's best to be
drinking Coke
and eating
pizza in your
Levi jeans

After asking a total of 600 students what their favorites were, we came up with this. The favorite soda among students was Coke followed by Pepsi. Levi jeans were the most worn jeans followed by Gap jeans.

"Levi jeans feel great," Nathan McBee, senior, said. The favorite car was the Eagle Talen even though not one person that was asked owned one.

Gangsta's Paradise was the favorite song closely followed by *First of the Month*. Yes, pizza was once again favored by 78 out of 100 students.

The favorite shoe was Samba. "My Samba shoes are very comfortable and have lasted a long time," Steve Goralski, senior, said.

By: Jim Burns

Drinking their favorite soda, Jerry Twigg slugs down a Pepsi and Danny Nelson takes his coke like a pill. Coke and Pepsi were the two top sodas followed by Mt. Dew. "I love coke more than life itself," Danny said.

Favorite Soda

Coke – 42
Pepsi – 30
Mt. Dew – 15
Sprite – 13

Favorite Food

Pizza – 78
Lasagna – 9
Seafood – 10
Frosted Miniwheats – 3

Favorite Shoe

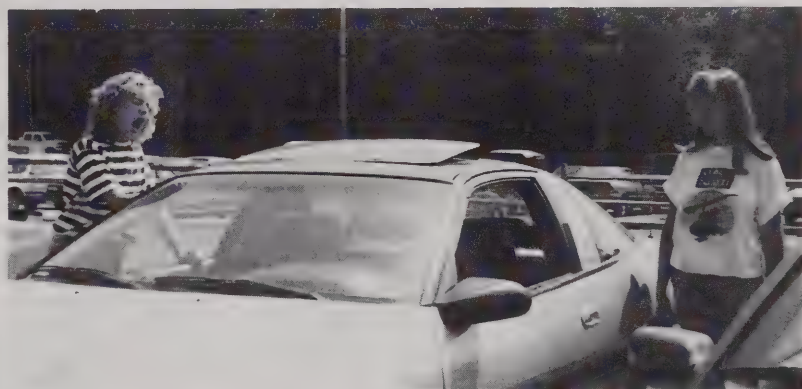
Adidas Samba – 40
Nike Air – 29
Jordan's – 19
Sandles – 12





LEVI JEANS WERE the most voted for by the students receiving 60 votes followed by Gap Jeans with 23 votes. "Levis are my favorite and they always will be," Andy Woods said.

JOEL UPHOLD AND Danny Nelson eat their favorite food during lunch. Pizza was the most liked food by students. "Pizza is the only good thing our lunch has," Joel said.



SAMBA SHOES WERE the top shoes among students as can be seen by the reaction on Krysta Stacy's face. "Samba shoes last forever and I love them," Danny Nelson said.

LEAVING SCHOOL in their Eagle Talon is Becky Ford and Kristen Warnick. The Eagle Talon was the favorite car among students.

Favorite Jeans

Levi – 60
Gap – 23
Silver Tab – 17

Favorite Song

Gangsta's Paradise – 36
First of the Month – 33
Bombastic – 24
Breakfast at Tiffany's – 7

Colors & Smells

Bands involved with state championship — keeps many away from annual parade

"I was very happy to represent my school during Autumn Glory," Hillary Garris, Southern's princess, said. "It is one of my favorite events during the year. I enjoy the colors, smells and the optimism everyone in the county seems to convey."

As fall arrived and saturated Garrett County with the bright beautiful colors of Autumn, many events took place at the 28th annual festival.

"Autumn Glory wasn't very good this year, there weren't very many bands there, because they were at state championships," Danny Nelson, senior, said.

There were many people who enjoyed the festival. Thousands of tourists visited Garrett County to take part in the activities of the festival.

"I didn't think there were as many people at the parade this year, compared to previous years," Crystal Vecchioni, senior, said. "It was definitely because of the rain. I thought the weather was wonderful, though, because I love to play in the rain."

It didn't seem to matter whether the weather was perfect or not in Garrett County, people still came to see the spectacular sight of the Autumn Glory Parade.

Once again the parade came to Garrett County as both young and old were fascinated, by not only the parade, but also many other activities in Garrett County, as well.

By: Sharon Ringer

WHILE RIDING THROUGH the Autumn Glory Parade on a newer model Chevrolet Camaro, Miss Maryland, Marcia Griffith, waves at the crowd. "I thought Miss Maryland was pretty hot," Jesse Coddington said.



Garrett County and Maryland State Farm Queen Lori Evans shows her appreciation to the crowd's applauding by waving to them. "It was a little cold and rainy, but it was a lot of fun. I was surprised to see so many people come out to see the parade. Many people waved to me that I didn't know, but it was fun."





WHILE RIDING ON THE FLOAT, Northern's princess Lori Ann Sines, Southern's princess Hillary Garris, and Northern's queen Lori Beth Glotfelty smile at the crowd and seem to enjoy the attention. Although it wasn't raining when this picture was taken, approximately the last 20 minutes of the parade saw rain.



TWIRLING THE FLAG while everyone looks on, Beth Moon marches in the rainy, cold weather. "Autumn Glory was great, for being bad weather. The only bad part was that we had to wear our competition uniform, and I hate them."



WHILE KEEPING A GOOD interval, Amanda Kisner, Jason Uphold, Adam White, Theressa Holtschneider and Jayson Garland march in the annual Autumn Glory parade. "Autumn Glory was way too long, my uniform got wet and heavy," Jennie Grant said.



A MEMBER OF THE Ali Ghan Shrine, from Cumberland, MD, rides through the parade, entertaining the crowd. Most members of the Ali Ghan rode in the parade in little miniature cars, or motorcycles.

MUSIC WAS

Postponed two months because Student Council didn't have enough meetings to plan it 'cause of snow days

"Krysta Stacy was a hit when she sang," Justin Steyer, senior said. At Winter Homecoming, which was a blast for a lot of students, Krysta Stacy sang "*Romeo & Juliet*" by the Indigo Girls for everyone.

"I had a lot of fun at this dance because the music was great," Erica Durst, senior, said.

Winter Homecoming was postponed two months because the Student Council didn't have enough meetings to plan it because of snow days. "I'm glad the dance was postponed because we just had a big dance about three weeks before

the original date of Winter Homecoming," Jenny Grant, sophomore, said.

The postponement of the dance really didn't matter because it was a success with the Student Council raising over \$ 1600.

Over 200 students attended the homecoming. "All of the people were dancing and having fun and that is why I thought the dance was fun," Lindsay Garriss, sophomore, said.

Winter Homecoming had a lot of help by parents watching over this dance, but some students thought they were being watched at all times of the night. "It was weird seeing a lot of parents in the middle of the dance floor when I was dancing," Josh Teets, junior, said. Rich Orr

GETTING DOWN TO the beat of music played by DJ Dave Zimmerman, Erica Durst holds her chin up. "I felt pretty energetic at Winter Homecoming."



Assistant Basketball Coach David Bender is crowning the queen of Winter Homecoming, Miranda Marple. She was escorted by the king of the dance, Scott Shahan. "I was really excited and surprised when I got Homecoming Queen. I was also happy that Scott got king. It was a great night."





WINTER HOMECOMING is a time of grooving for Erica Upole, Melissa Upole and Amanda Kisner. "This dance was fun because they played some pretty cool dance songs," Erica said.

COURT MEMBERS include: Vicki Donham, Jimmy Pamepinto, Annie Ashby. Annie was escorted by Scott Shahan, but he was escorting Miranda Marple, the queen, at the time.



COURT MEMBERS include: Beth Maroney, Biz Tasker, Emily Friend, Jason Sweitzer



COURT MEMBERS include: Wendy Carpenter, Nathan DiSimone, Elizabeth Paesani, Sean Conroy, Cassy Skipper, Aaron Newcomb



"I HAD FUN at this dance with my girlfriend because they played a lot of good slow songs," Dave Stevens said as he is cuddled up to Rachel Farmer.

WHILE JAY SAVAGE and Julie Caruso watch with amazement, Krysta Stacy is having fun singing some *Indigo Girls*. "Krysta is one heck of a singer," Jay said.

Bitterly

COLD

Many people turn out for Winterball; hard to find room to dance on crowded floor

Even though it was bitterly cold outside, it was steaming hot inside. There were a lot of people at the dance that night, so many people that it was almost too hard to dance.

"It was so compact in there," Chad Maroney, senior, said. Some people couldn't stand dressing up, but others didn't mind, they just didn't like the cold air.

"The dance was great!" Jennifer Harvey, senior, said. "It was just too cold outside to have to stand in line forever. It's a good thing I was wearing a long dress."

Some didn't mind the cold and kept warm by *getting down*. The dances for some people were full of great memories and funny

times.

"I love the dances," Laura Livengood, senior, said.

"It's great to just get out there and act crazy and have a great time!"

For some, this dance was a very special time. Some were celebrating special moments and others were just really happy to be around each other the whole time. "I was just really happy to be there with my boyfriend," Michelle Glotfelty, senior, said. "We had a great time. It was the best!"

Winterball was now a tradition within the high school. The colors were mauve, white and navy. Another moment that was really special was when court came onto the floor.

"The dance was a lot of fun because there were so many people there," Vicki Donham, senior, said. "Plus being on court was a great experience!"

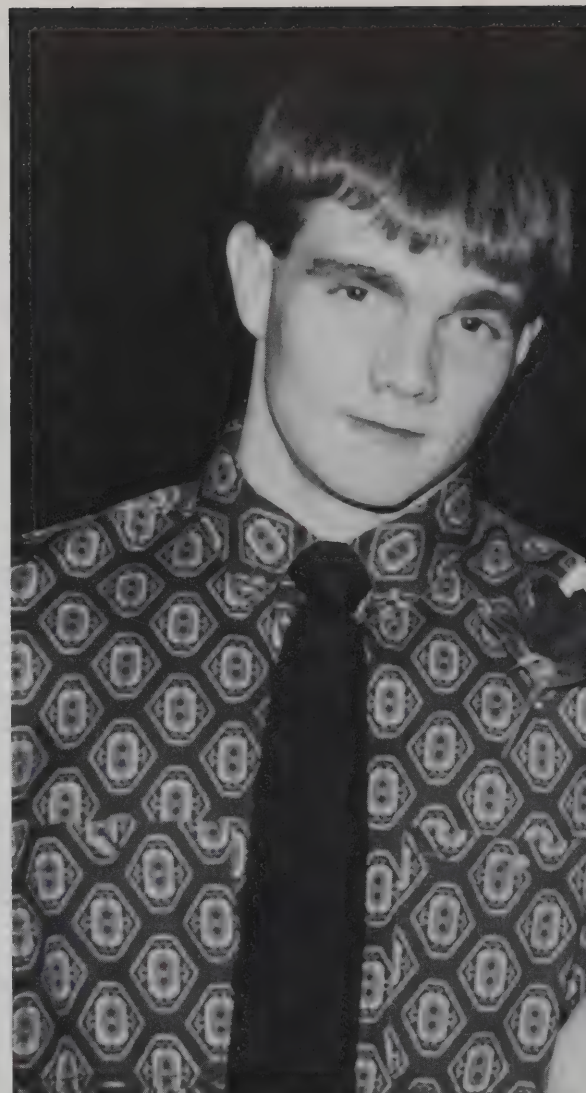
Hillary Garriss said, "Being on court was great, especially when I was crowned queen."

By: Audrey Sweitzer



Court members include:

Julie Caruso escorted by Jimmy Pamepinto, Hillary Garriss escorted by Todd Howard, Erika Durst escorted by Jason Hamrick. "I think that it would have been a lot more fun if I could have rode on Jimmy's back instead of walking down with him," Julie said.





HILLARY GARRIS is all smiles after being crowned queen of the Winterball. "Being on court with Kevin (Andrews) was great."



DECIDING TO

BE a gentleman, Jesse Ashby pours Laura Friend a glass of punch. "Homecoming is pretty cool," Jesse said. "It depends on who goes and who *doesn't*! The thing that makes them even better are the parties afterwards."



COURT MEMBERS INCLUDE (far left) seniors Vicki Donham escorted by Danny Compitello, Annie Ashby escorted by Kevin Andrews.

COURT MEMBERS INCLUDE (below left) juniors Kassy Skipper escorted by Aaron Newcomb, sophomores Jennie Grant escorted by Josh Helbig and freshmen Katelyne McBee escorted by Jesse Coddington.



WINTERBALL IS REALLY SPECIAL for Anya Tasker and Jymz Gnoffo. "I really enjoyed being at the dance with my boyfriend. We had a great time."

THE FLOWER GIRL, Abby Wildesen, and crown bearer Billy Freeman, get their last minute instructions from Mrs.

Mary Ann Shipe. Abby is the daughter of Ed and Jane Wildesen while Billy is the son of Tom and Kathy Freeman.

TALENT

Local

'Clayman' wins first prize in Talent Show with self written song 'Hollow'

A total of 11 acts performed in the Talent Show including an unjudged act by some of the teachers.

The prizes were lowered from last year. Instead of \$100 for first place, it was only \$25. Second place only received \$15 and third won \$10.

Some people didn't care about the money; they were just out to have a good time, but a few people were a little upset that they didn't win more money.

"Where was our \$100, liars and cheats?" Seth Folickman, junior, asked. "Twenty-five dollars didn't even pay for my gas."

The band **Clayman** won first place honors with a song that they wrote called "Hollow." The band included Danny Murphy, David Peterson, Justin Helbig and Seth Folickman.

"The Talent Show was our first time playing an original song in front of a big audience," David Peterson, junior, said. "It was a lot of fun. My share of the prize money was a whopping \$6.25 for first place."

The band **Pennybreath** with Karlo Gesner, Aaron Mountain and Scott Sines captured second place with a song written by Seven Mary Three called *Cumbersome*.

The band called **Nine Day Wonder** won third place by singing a song written by Goo Goo Dolls called *Name*. The members of the band included Pat Minovitz, Ken McConnell and Jason Liller. They received \$10 for their effort.

The show went on with Erin Long performing her Tribal Dance. Next was David Deem with his act entitled Riffle King. Both Erin and David received a standing ovation from part of the crowd.

A song written by Seven Mary Three finds Aaron Mountain Karlo Gesner and Scott Sines singing "Cumbersome." The band Pennybreath won second place honors and \$15 for their effort.





AFTER BEING STUNG by Mrs. Sandy Smith during the teachers' act in the Talent Show, Deni Lynn Shaffer and Seth Tressler are being pulled out on to the floor. The teachers performed an act called Country Bees where they all line danced for the audience.



**PERFORM-
ING HER ACT** entitled *Tribal Dance*, Erin Long flips to the music. She also performed this act at the show that Brenda's Body Shop put on.



PERFORMING A PIECE from Beethoven, Nik James shows just how talented he really is. Nik played a piano solo last year in the Talent Show in which he won \$25 for third place.

A FIRST PLACE PERFORMANCE for the audience was put on by Seth Folickman, Justin Helbig, Danny Murphy and David Peterson (not pictured). They put on a song they wrote called "*Hollow*."



THE BAND CALLED 9 Day Wonders sang the song "*Name*" by the Goo Goo Dolls as Ken McConnell, Patrick Minovitz, and Jason Liller show off their musical talents with their band. They received \$10 for third place.

NO RAIN a day with

196 seniors leave after beautiful Sunday afternoon service; Bosley, Battista, Coviello share top honors

Having a week before graduation being rainy, people were questioning whether or not the graduation ceremony would be able to be held outside.

It turned out to be a beautiful day in more ways than one. Although it seemed like the end of things, it was only just the beginning.

A total of 196 seniors graduated during the 4 p.m. ceremony on the athletic field.

Megan Battista and Nicole Bosley shared the honors of co-valedictorian while **Christian Coviello** was the salutatorian.

"It is a questionable emotion," Julie Caruso said. "We will all be going in different directions, starting a new life."

The ceremony started off with some difficulties with the microphone. This was, in ways, a plus. It gave the graduates the chance to show their creative, humorous side; they did the wave.

"We were all just sitting there waiting for the mic to be fixed, when a bunch of us came up with the idea," Jason Hamrick said. "I just had to get everyone to do it."

After the microphone was fixed, Mr. Refosco introduced Mandy Rush. This was when she gave her introduction speech.

"Mandy's speech made everyone feel close and for the first time feel really as one whole," Beth Maroney said. "I think her speech was an eye opener to us all because it really was the first and probably the last time we would all be together as a group."

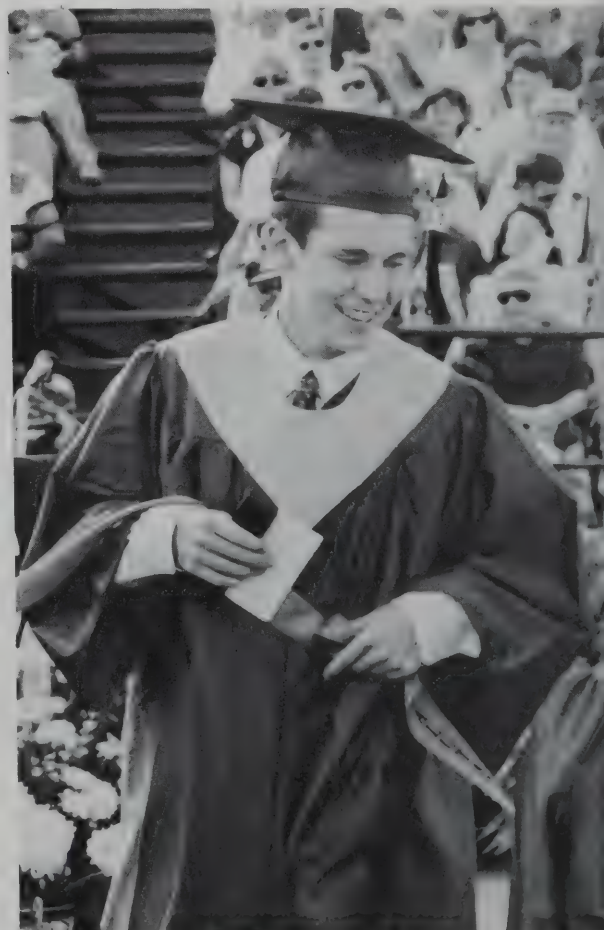
The Chorus sang before the ceremonies began and the Band played during the processional and recessional. Both were under the direction of Mr. Richard Clever.

All the speeches were good and well prepared, but one was unique and stood out from all the rest. It was given by Christian Coviello, Mr. Fireworks himself.

Megan Redinger



During the introduction of guests by Mr. Arthur Refosco, principal, the microphone starts experiencing technical difficulties. While it was being fixed, the graduates started doing the wave to keep the crowd entertained.

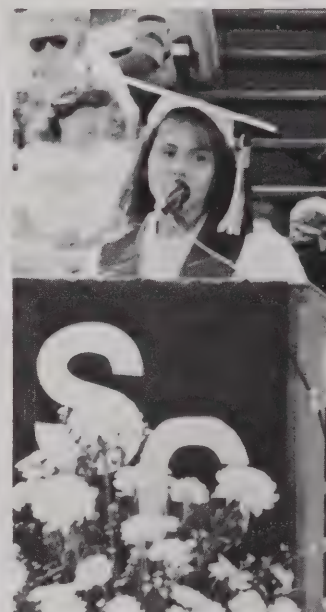


AS THE GRADUATES STOOD in their spots to form the big '96, they threw their caps high in the air to signify that they had made it. It was just part of the ceremony that was a tradition.

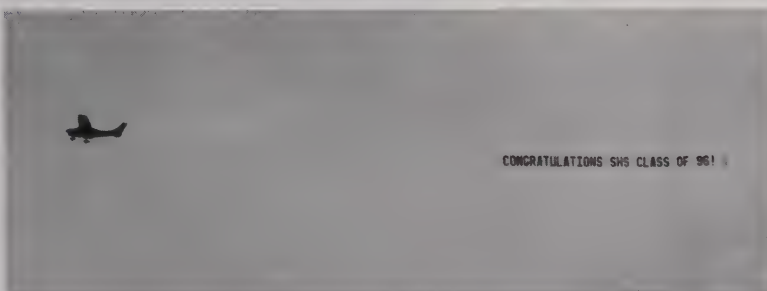
GRADUATION IS A DAY that all will never forget, but for Emily Friend it was especially memorable. Due to a sprained ankle, she walked out on to the field with crutches.



PRESIDENT OF THE SENIOR CLASS Mandy Rush gives a speech that many thought was appropriate for an introduction to the ceremony. She stated that today was a very important day for all of them because it was probably the first and last time where they would all be together.



WEARING A BIG SMILE, Misty Reckart is handed a rose from Mr. Tom Powers just moments after receiving her diploma. Class advisers Mr. Powers, along with Mrs. Mary Ann Shipe, greeted each senior on their way back to their seat.



THE CLASS OF 1996 was lucky to have such a beautiful day for their graduation. The week before had been very gloomy and rainy.

WITH A SMILE on his face, Christian Coviello was pleased with his speech. He was the class salutatorian.

SMILES CAME TO THE FACES of many graduates as a banner flew overhead. It read, "Congratulations SHS Class of '96."

ALL OUT

girls go

337 attends prom
with Marple,
Andrews receiving
top honors as
queen, king for
the night

"It is cool to see all of your friends dressed up," Erika Durst, senior, said. "I'm used to seeing everyone in shorts and a T-shirt. Everybody looked great."

Prom was by far the most popular and most formal of all high school dances.

All the guys wore tuxedos and the girls definitely went all out.

In most cases it was the only dance where each person and their date went out by themselves.

"It was nice to go out with just me and my date, Annie Ashby, all night," Jay Savage, senior, said.

There was a total of 337 students there, including the ten prom court members.

Miranda Marple and Kevin Andrews were the queen and king of the prom.

"I had a really good time at prom," Kevin, a senior, said. "It was also really nice getting prom king."

The DJ was Bernie Emrock from GO 106, Cumberland. "I thought the music was pretty good, even though it could have been better," Jay Ferguson, junior, said.

There was also lots of food. "I've never seen or eaten such wonderful food before, especially the fruit," Krysta Stacy, senior, said.

Jimmy Burn, senior, said the Prom was fun but "I didn't like the way most of the pictures came out."

Steve Goralski

KING KEVIN ANDREWS and Queen Miranda Marple. "I had a really good time at prom," Kevin said. "It was also really nice getting prom king."



As all three are clowning around asking Mr. Doug Buckley to take their picture, Donnelle Dick, Nathan Rickman and Megan Redinger look like they are really having a good time. Jerry Twigg was the serious one at that point.





"I HAD A GREAT TIME but I was a little tired after that dance," Krystal Sharpless said as she and Chad Maroney dance the night away.

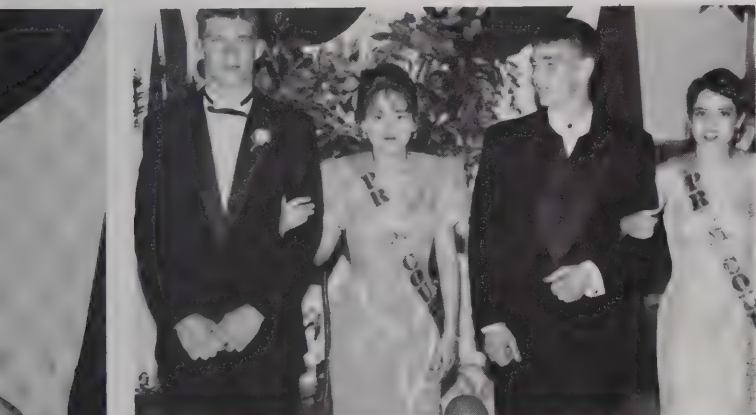
TODD GIBSON AND Maggie Sueess are enjoying a nice drink. There was all sorts of food at the prom.



"I THINK HE TOOK pictures of just about everybody that night," Eric Thomas, senior, said as Mr. Dave Mayfield is on his hunt for pictures.



"I HAD A GREAT TIME and I know I will never forget it," Beth Maroney said as she and Jason Koskey are just enjoying the prom atmosphere.



Court includes: (Above) Danny Compitello, Mandy Rush, Kevin Andrews, Miranda Marple

Court includes: (Below) Coby Bolden, Victoria Donham, Jimmy Pamepinto, Hillary Garris



WHILE RESTING, Kris Upole and Danny Compitello are talking in the back. "That was the best darn Coke I have ever had," Danny said.

Court includes: Scott Shahan, Teresa Nelson



The Gong

'The group that did YMCA was best ... Jimmy Pamepinto looked hot when he ripped his shirt off!'

"That was the fifth annual After Prom party held at Southern High," Mrs. Lisa Bender said. "It was exciting to see so many kids (436) show up."

As usual, the After Prom Committee had provided different activities and had planned entertainment for the night.

"I had a lot of fun 'shooting' with Megan (Redinger), Kandice (Shomo) and Sarah (Murray)," Kandi Ashby, junior, said. "The music videos were kickin'!"

The most exciting part of the night for most of the students was the Gong Show. Many of the students entered and showed off their talents.

"The group that did the YMCA was the best," Elizabeth Paesani, sophomore, said, while some senior girls agreed. "Jimmy Pamepinto looked hot when he ripped his shirt off!"

Nicole Bosley had an opinion of her own. "The YMCA guys were pretty stupid, but the magician was cool. But seriously, the four BB's were excellent entertainment with enormous amounts of talent!"

Two people that weren't more happy to see 6 a.m. roll around were Matt Glotfelty and Howard Crosco. This was when it was announced that Matt had won the \$ 1,000 award and Howard the \$ 500.

"I really don't know what I will use the money for," Crosco, a junior, said. "I will probably save it for later use."

After Prom took place on May 11 from 12:30 a.m. to 6 a.m. Approximately 436 kids showed up for the annual event.

"It took a lot of hard work from parents and a lot of donations from the community," Mrs. Bender said.

Megan Redinger

MANY TEAMS AND STUDENTS, such as Danny Compitello, are a part of the volleyball tournament. Some teams played two or three games in a row.



"It was just one of the many souvenirs that I took home with me,"

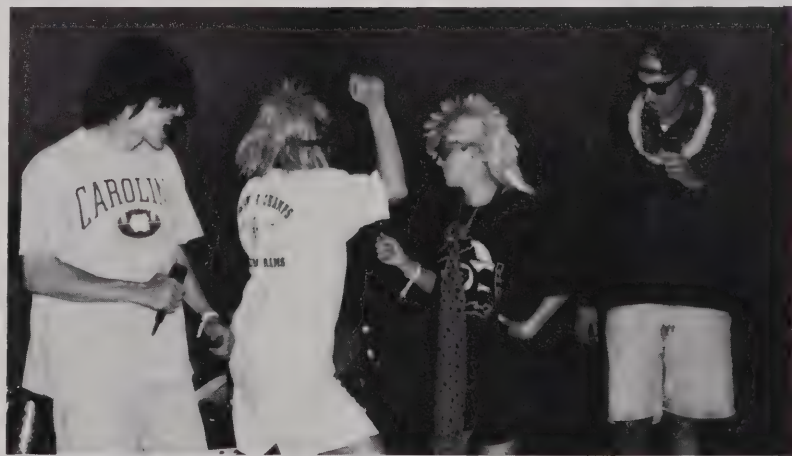
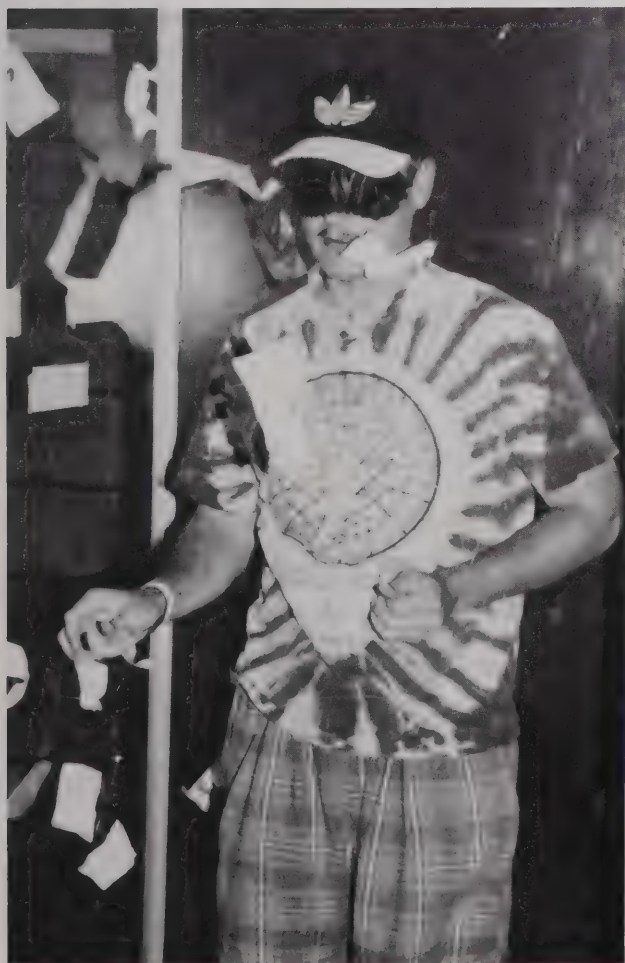
Laura Livengood said as she and Scott Blythe got their pictures drawn together.





JASON WOOD DECIDES to try out his shooting abilities along with Shawnda Mayle. This was just one game out of many for the students to play.

AARON JANES MODELS off his balloon hat for everyone. Throughout the night, many students were found walking around wearing these on their head.



WHILE HE IS BLINDFOLDED, Shannon Ringer grabs "money" as it whirls around him. "It was cool because everyone could win something."

THE MUSIC VIDEOS ENTERTAIN Jimmy Pamepinto, Emily Friend, Miranda Marple and Rich Skipper. All students were allowed to make only one tape.

THREE OUT OF 436 STUDENTS that attended After Prom were Jay Ferguson, Tonya Friend and Beth Maroney. Students were allowed to leave, but the chaperones had to notify the parents.

over night

TRIP

Kings Dominion, Virginia Beach provide final excitement for senior trip

The Class of '96 was able to experience an overnight class trip.

They left on Friday morning, May 31, at 5 a.m. and returned Saturday night at midnight in the sports parking lot.

The seniors and chaperones spent a day at Kings Dominion and then spent the night in an ocean front hotel in Virginia Beach.

"Kings Dominion was awesome and the rides were great," Audrey Sweitzer said. "I could have spent days there."

For many seniors, the beach was where they wanted to be, near the ocean and shopping centers.

"Virginia Beach was nice," Jackie Kimble said. "You could go right across the street and shop."

There was a wide variety of activities a person could choose from to keep busy, such as bike rides, rollerblading and wave runner rentals by the hour for \$5.

"Riding bikes was great," Vicki Donham said. "You were next to the ocean with a cool breeze running through your hair."

Even with all the activities available, many people just wanted to enjoy the waves the ocean brought.

"I spent most of my day jumping waves and attempting to rollerblade with Krystal (Sharpless)," Tim Upton said. "I must admit jumping waves was a lot easier." Tim could often be seen going under waves all throughout the day.

"The senior trip was an experience I will definitely always remember," Jenn Harvey said. "It was a great time with friends I will always love."

Chaperones going on the trip included Mr. Tom Powers, Mrs. Mary Ann Shipe, Mr. David Beard, Mr. Charles Harkins, Mr. Doug Oxford, Ms. Kate Kane, Mrs. Kim Kuhn, Ms. Beverly Serpone and Ms. Sandy Smith

Krystal Sharpless



One of the many activities the seniors were involved with on the senior trip is when Joel Getty spends an hour of his time surfing the ocean waves. One day was spent at Virginia Beach.





HAVING A GOOD TIME on the beach are Kristie Stemple, Todd Howard, Nathan McBee and Andrea Devens.

LOOKING WHITE as a ghost, it is apparent Mr. Doug Oxford spends too much time in Garrett County. He is applying sun screen to avoid a burn.



RELAXING ON THE BEACH at Virginia Beach, Mrs. Kim Kuhn talks to Mr. David Beard as he sits under a beach umbrella.

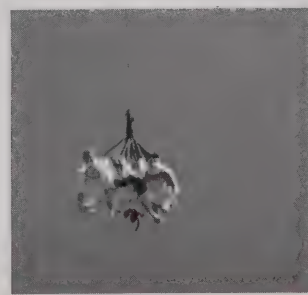
CATCHING SOME of the sun's rays, Danny Nelson and Jerry Twigg soak up the sun and relax on the beach.



STANDING IN FRONT of the Days of Thunder ride at Kings Dominion are Mandy Rush, Teresa Nelson and Beth Maroney.



A BUSY VIRGINIA BEACH (above left) greets Todd Gibson, Kristie Stemple and Eric Thomas.



RIDING THE SKY DEVIL are Kevin Andrews, Eric Thomas and Todd Howard. After being hoisted high in the sky, they were then dropped for the thrill of their life.

lunch at UNO'S?

Students would like to see changes in the school to allow for more freedoms

How would you like to eat lunch at McDonald's or even at Uno's? Well, if Adam Herbert had his way, you could.

"If I could change one thing about this school, I would allow students to leave the school for lunch as long as they came back on time," Herbert, a junior, said.

Janice Plauger agreed with Adam, only she went a step further.

"We would be able to leave for lunch or get McDonald's food here and we would be able to go outside for classes," Plauger, a junior, said.

As was known, this was not a perfect school. Everyone would have something to change if they could.

"I would change the service learning hours back to 10 hours per year rather than all 40 hours being completed before you become a senior," Adam Chorpenning, junior, said. "It is not right to be denied senior status because all of a sudden the finished hour requirements are changed."

What about the teachers of the school? "I wouldn't change the teachers themselves," Rita Powell, junior, said. "I would change the respect level among students and teachers because the students do not respect all teachers and visa versa."

As far as school rules went, were students content with leaving them as they were? "I would definitely change the attendance rule," Jay Savage, senior, said. "It would be set up so that you could miss as many days as you want as long as you had passing grades."

Audrey Sweitzer, a senior, said, "I think that if couples want to hug before classes, they should be allowed to, just as long as they aren't down each other's throats."

Megan Redinger



Relaxing while Mr. Doug Oxford teaches, Melissa Canterbury puts her feet up. "I love having Mr. Oxford. He lets us get comfortable as long as we pay attention."





"WE ARE NOT A COUPLE, but I don't see anything wrong with us hugging before we go to class," Nick Dolan said as he and Carrie Strubin are just friends hugging before class.

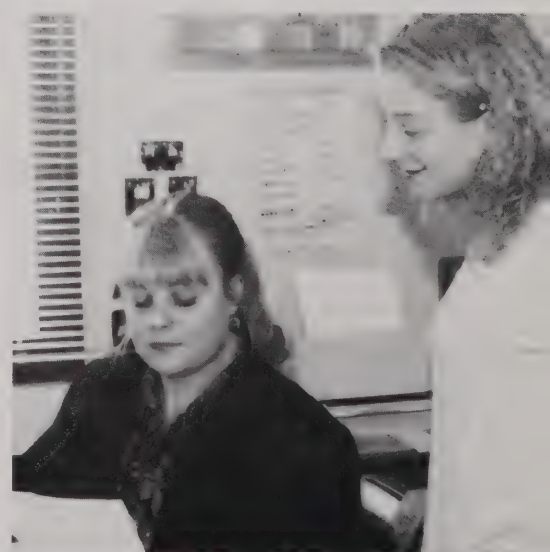


EATING
McDONALD'S
FOOD makes Shawn Durst and Matt Zimmerman happy. "Until you get to eat this kind of food for lunch, you don't realize how bad some school food is," Shawn said.



IT WOULD BE SO EXCITING for John Dehus to get out of school for lunch. "Getting out of school for lunch would be so great. It would give us a break from the whole school atmosphere."

"TEACHERS NEED to get along with their students," Beth Maroney said as Mr. Monty Nock is explaining to her what she needs to do. "I think it helps keep interest in the subject."



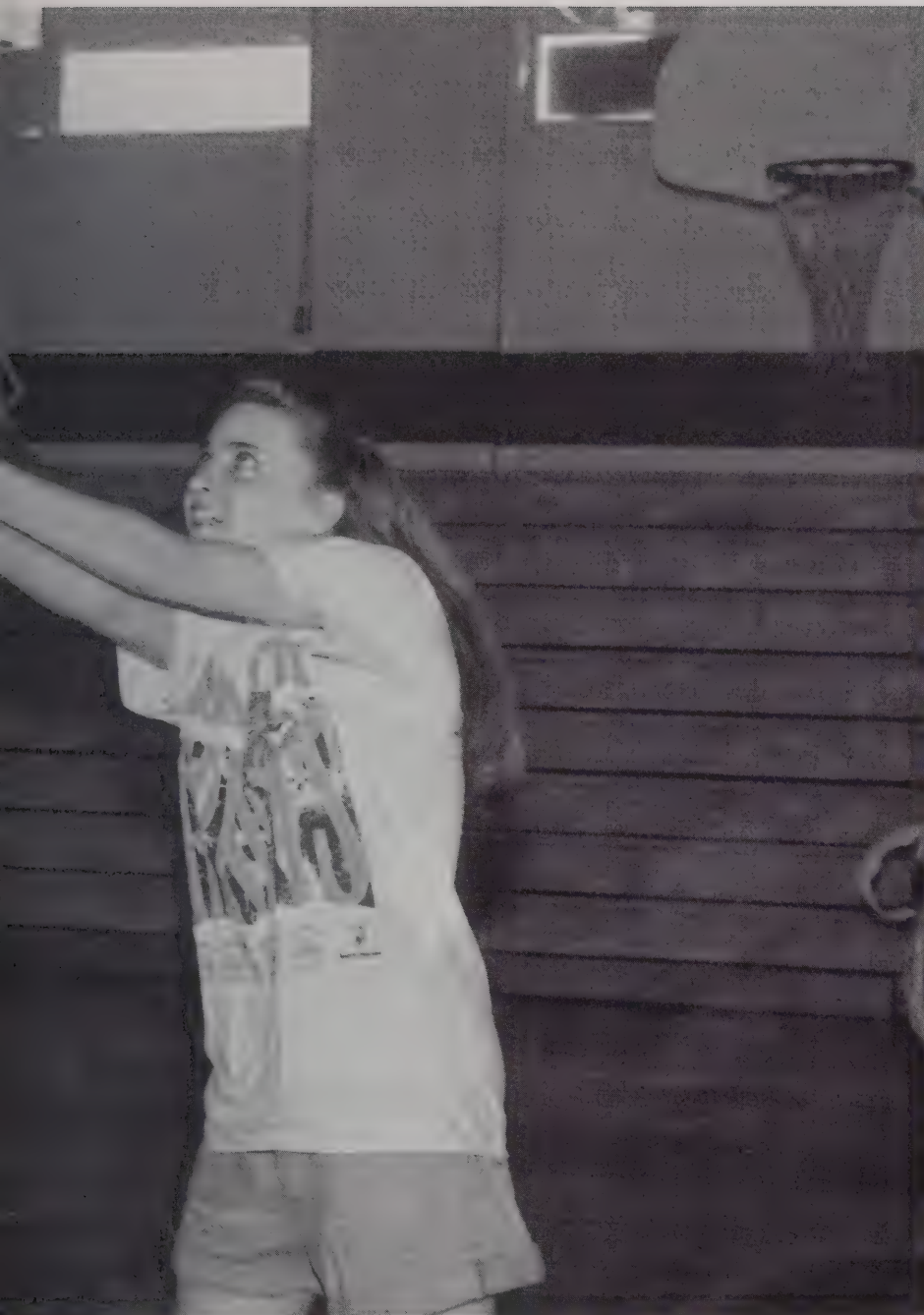
SERVICE LEARNING HOURS are being turned in to Ms. Beth Johnston, guidance counselor, by Jennie Grant. Next year, Jenny will have to complete more so she can be recognized as a senior.

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he support that the school gave to our football team was great," Matt Zimmerman, junior, said. "It was really nice to see all the fans that came out to support us. Thanks." **T**he Rams had another banner year in sports. The football team went to states, but lost by two points in the last game. "The state playoffs had to be one of my best experiences as a football coach," Coach Tom Woods said. "We are all very proud of our kids and their efforts. Anytime you are the second best in the state, you have to be very proud of your accomplishments." **T**he basketball team had another great year. The boys and the girls both went to the regional finals. "Basketball was really fun," Elizabeth Paesani, sophomore, said. "Our JV improved from a 7-10 record last year to 12-16 this year. Our varsity did extremely well, finishing the season with the best record ever at Southern." **T**he Boys' Cross Country brought home a third consecutive state championship; a school record. The Girls' Cross Country team also went to states and finished in second place. "I am glad the boys won," Adam Chorpenning, junior, said. "I couldn't be there because I had to go to a funeral but I am proud to be a part of the cross country team. I wish I could have been there (finals). The top three runners did an excellent job including Matt (Sincell) and Charlie (Wesley)." **T**he wrestling team sent four people to states.

During a Cross Country meet, Lauren Newcomb runs to prove her dedication. "Eating bananas everyday and running my guts out was always fun. All of my teammates made it (cross country) a good time."





Bumping the ball to her partner is varsity starter Sindy Niner. "Volleyball was a lot of fun," Michelle Teter said. "All of my friends and I got to start the game so it was great. Being a setter was one of the funniest things I've ever done."



During a home game, Kevin Andrews (10) tries to catch up with the ball and the other members of the team. "Right now, soccer is the best fall sport Southern has to offer," Mark Ludwig, second year soccer team member, said.



During a home game, Emily Friend, one of the five seniors on the Girls' Varsity Basketball team, stands to the side waiting for the perfect time to make her contributing move against the opponents. "The Girls' Basketball team was grrreat this year," Joshua Teets said. "It must have had something to do with the excellent players...like Meghan (Dabney)! There were really some killer games.

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CESSITY TO PROVE NUMBER ONE

‘...closest to achieving
all that their abilities
would allow as any
team to ever play...’

By: Kandice Shomo

The question on everybody's mind at the beginning of the season was, does Southern have what it takes to be number one.

The football players felt it a necessity to prove to the school, county and state that not only did they have the ability to be number one, but they also had the heart and the determination.

The fans all know that when time ran out in the championship game, Southern came up two points short.

Although Southern came up with the runner up trophy, they won a bigger contest than the state football championship.

These football players won the hearts and support of everyone who watched them play, including their coaches.

"It is difficult to find the words to describe the emotion this team has generated for all of us," Coach Tom Woods said. "They probably came the closest to achieving all that their abilities would allow as any team to ever play at SHS."

This memory of coming so close will cut deep into their hearts forever, but then they will just have to keep their heads held high and know that they played the best that they could.

Each time they walked off the field,

they had nothing left to give, especially when they walked out of Byrd Stadium in College Park.

"It was a great season that came down to a bitter loss, but what can you do when time runs out?" Tim Jeffreys, junior, said.

Life was full of ups and downs and wins and losses, but under which category would this fall?

"This year's team will always be viewed as a team of victory and success. The evaluation of a person's success was not in wins and losses, but rather, 'Victory is the conquest of thyself,'" Woods said.

There were many memories that will live with these football players forever. All of the times they came so close and all of the times that they succeeded.

"I remember in the Bishop Walsh game," Jay Ferguson, junior, said. "The score was 0-0 and we had to punt. (Aaron) Newcomb and I flat out killed the guy who tried to return the punt and we went on to win 8-0. It was great."

"I remember in the playoff game against Beall, I got a sack on the forth down," Justin Steyer, senior, said. "We then gained control of the ball and scored."

It was pretty safe to say that this team wrote their own page in the history books of Southern High sports.



"**FOOTBALL PRACTICE** IS really tough; but in the end it was all worth it," Danny Compitello said as he pushes his way through the blaster to prepare himself for his opponent. **THE FOOTBALL SEASON** seemed to last a little longer than usual. They found the weather getting really snowy, so they had to hold practice inside the gym. "This was a little strange getting to play football inside," Jay Ferguson said. "My mom had always yelled at me for doing that, but I guess it's whatever it takes to be the best."





PICKING HIMSELF OFF the ground, Matt Glotfelty recovers from a hard hit in the homecoming game against Hampshire. Southern went on to defeat the Hampshire Trojans 39-0.

GATHERING
IN A
HUDDLE, the football

players
decide which
play they will
use next to
carry the ball
into the end
zone. This
task was
done
numerous
times
throughout
the season.

VARSITY FOOTBALL

30 Allegany	21
15 Musselman	6
53 Keyser	28
39 Hampshire	0
20 Northern	0
28 Tucker	14
0 Ft. Hill	21
28 Pocahontas	12
20 Beall	30
8 Bishop Walsh	0
Playoffs	
20 Beall	7
28 Havre de Grace	20
12 Cambridge, South	
Dorchester	14

THE RECORD BOOK
Won 10 Lost 3



Front row: Audrey Sweitzer, Annie Ashby, Kandi Ashby, Mandy Rush, Hillary Garris, Teresa Nelson, Vicki Donham, Jessica Murray, Beth Maroney, Erika Durst, Kandice Shomo, Maggie Sues **Row two:** Ben Getson, Justin Steyer, Dave Stephens, Matt Glotfelty, Rob Swiger, Bryan O'Connell,

Kris Upole, Dale Schoch, Danny Compitello, Andy Woods, Shawn Strawser, Jeremy Duckett, Andy Ross, Jeremy Rohrbach, Josh Perando, Scott Beitzel **Row three:** Matt Zimmerman, Chad Tasker, Jay Ferguson, Brian Park, Matt Paugh, Nathan Rickman, Aaron Newcomb, Tim Jeffreys, Seth Tressler, Mike Flanagan,

Scot Schroyer, Shawn Durst, Howard Crosco, Joel Uphold, Rocky Tichinel, Chad Warnick, Charlie Moats, Jimmy Barkley **Row four:** Tim Wotring, Jason Reckart, James Steyer, Max Marshall, Brad Zimmerman, Steve Shiflett, Andy Seib, Joe Friend, Jeremiah Johnson, Chad Troshak, Josh Helbig, David Lantz,

Kenny Myers, John Ayers, Aaron Baker, Tommy Gank, Joel Collins, Danny Riley **Back row:** Coach Dave Bosley, Coach Tom Bosley, Head Coach Tom Woods, Coach Scott Harvey, Coach Jay Stewart, Coach Mike Wilburn, Coach John Stern

JV

FOOTBALL SEASON ENDS WITH 3-3 RECORD

Season was good
'because we beat the
arch-rival Huskies by
14 points'



By: Danny Riley

The JV Football team ended their season with a final record of three wins and three losses.

In their first JV game Southern lost to East Preston on the last play of the game.

"That pass was just thrown into the air. Preston was lucky that one of their players caught it," Andy Wilt, freshman, said.

In the game of the Rams versus the Hampshire Trojans at Southern the Rams lost in another close game.

"That was a very close game and we played real hard, but we still lost," Jimmy Steyer, sophomore, said.

At Southern's JV home game versus the Northern Huskies, the Rams won 14-0.

"We were really prepared for this game, and it paid off," Scott Beitzel, sophomore, said.

Josh Perando agreed and said he felt the season was good "because we beat the arch rival Huskies by 14 points."

When Tucker County played Southern, the Rams won and that was Tucker's homecoming game.

"We won that game because everybody played the best they could," Steve Shiflett, sophomore, said.

Southern played Northern again at Northern's field and won with Southern scoring 34 points.

"This was my first JV game, and it



was the best part of the season for me," Tommy Crosco, freshman, said.

At the last JV home game, the Allegany Campers won against Southern 40-8.

"Allegany was a better team, even though we played hard they still won," Brandon Ford, freshman, said.

The season highlight was winning three consecutive games after two opening losses.

THE JV TEAM is practicing with the Varsity team. The JV team practiced a great deal with the Varsity team as the JV players were used as practice dummies. **JOHN AYERS** waits on the play. The JV players practiced with the varsity players in the gym. "Football was a lot of fun and I hope it's even better next year," Andy Seib said. "I had a couple of injuries to my ankle and my shoulder. I think that we should have been 5-1 this year. **DEMOLISHING ANDY WILT** at a JV practice in the gym, David Lantz hits Andy pretty hard. The JV players were in the gym because the rain flooded the practice field. "I feel as if we had a pretty good season due to the amount of time we had to practice with other JV players," Tim Wotring said. "I still believe that we could be 5-1 if the first two games would have had two more minutes."





JOHN AYERS IS RUNNING to his block on this play. The varsity was practicing for a playoff game. Several players were injured throughout the year. "Playing football is important to me," Johann Lynge said. "Unfortunately, I was injured during the very first Varsity scrimmage. I broke

into what I thought was daylight when suddenly from my fight side, the Preston linebacker grabbed my jersey and threw me to the ground. My left elbow hit first. I sat up and dragged my limp arm into my lap. I knew it was broken. I had split my elbow in half for the second time.



JV FOOTBALL

6	Preston	12
12	Hampshire	18
14	Northern	0
22	Tucker	6
34	Northern	13
8	Allegany	40

THE RECORD BOOK
Won 3 Lost 3

The JV Football team members are watching the Varsity's offense while the rest of the JV's are playing defense. The JV's who are watching will sub in later.



THE JV

DEFENSIVE

line is set to go up against the Varsity's offensive line. Both teams gained experience as the Varsity practices for an upcoming game. "Our record was 3-3 but all but one game we lost by only one touchdown," Josh Perando said.



Front row: Bryanne Miller, Jenny Grant, Allison Rudy, Sara Sincell, Lindsay Garris, Crystal Hinnant, Randi Carpenter, Amber Foglepole, Toni Sullivan, Andi Bender, Sheri Perando
Row 2: Brandon Ford, Eric Rexrode, Keith Parks, Bo Johnson, Virgil Moats, Jarrett Bolden, Jason Weaver, Jesse Coddington, Todd Tasker, Nick Dolan
Row 3: A.T. Marucci, Ricky Hamilton, James Reed, Randy Harvey, Tommy Sweitzer, Jesse Friend, Jeff Maule, Phillip Reams, Kevin Tichinel, Jeremy Shockey
Row 4: Jason Rodeheaver, Andy Wilt, Ryan Channel, Tommy Croco, Robert Unger, Billy Stoner, Lenny Ford, Tommy Diehl, Farmer Sines
Back row: Coaches Dave Bosley, Tom Bosley, Lou Marks, Tom Woods, Scott Harvey, Jay Stewart, Mike Wilburn, John Stem

EXTRAORDINARY RUNNERS EXTRAORDINARY PEOPLE

combined record over
last three seasons an
unheard of 231 wins
and 31 losses

By: Stephen Goralski

"It's not just that the people on our team are extraordinary runners, but the runners on our team are extraordinary people," Todd Howard, senior, said. "I believe that is the main reason for our success."

The Running Rams have definitely experienced a lot of success. Their combined record over the last three seasons was an unheard of 231 wins and 31 losses.

Most of this success was from the help of Todd Howard, Nathan McBee, Kevin Andrews, Charlie Wesley and Todd Gibson, who were members on all three State Championship teams.

Howard, Andrews and McBee were also members of the All State team all three years. The All State team consisted of the top 15 runners in the state.

This season was the most remarkable one out of the last three. The Rams set their goals high and pretty unheard of for a cross country team. "We knew that we would win a third championship so we set our goal for an undefeated season, and we reached it," Gibson, a senior, said.

The Rams finished the season with an unblemished 76-0 record. They also, after their championship victory this year, posted a 117-0 winning streak over the last two years.

Going into this year's championship meet, with all their impressive records,



the Rams were completely confident that they were going to win. Coach Carl Booth even had championship hats made before the race even started.

"It was impossible for us to lose," Coach Booth said. "We knew that we would win and win big."

The Rams embarrassed their competition by beating the second place team by 60 points. This was the perfect ending to a perfect season.

Not only were the Rams champions in class 1A but they proved themselves the best team in Maryland. They beat the class 2A winner Fort Hill and the 3A



COMING OUT OF THE WOODS at the local Broadford Park course. Adam Chorpenning (above) is close to finishing the race. "I hate the long hill at the end of our course." **"AFTER YOU RUN** for a while, gets easier each time," Kevin Andrews (left) said as he finishes the race but doesn't look that tired. The race was held at the Broadford Park course. **CONGRATULATING EACH OTHER** after a race (below) are Daniel Sincell and Nathan McBee. "It's nice having the support of your teammates, especially in Cross Country which is a highly team oriented sport," Dan said.



winner, Richard Montgomery, at the FSU invitational. The Rams also defeated Dematha, the team that beat the 4A champions.

Next year the Rams will lose their top three runners but Coach Booth still feels optimistic about what they can do to their competition. "You can't replace those guys that we're going to lose next year," Coach Booth said. "But we have nine of 14 runners back next year who have a lot of talent."

"If we can win the state championship next year, I don't see any team stopping us for a while."



STILL IN A PACK about half way through the race are Nathan McBee, Kevin Andrews, Daniel Sincell and Mike Bittinger. The team was like this a lot, having the top five all finish near the top.

EXHAUSTED, MIKE BITTINGER is making it across the finish line without anyone contesting him. "It's nice not having to sprint your butt off at the end of a race, but if you do have to it's worth wining."

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

Brunswick	1 of 3
Oakland	1 of 3
Northern	1 of 3
Oakland	1 of 3
Oakland	1 of 3
Uniontown	1 of 15
Oakland	1 of 4
Area	1 of 9
FSU INV	1 of 19
WMIL	1 of 6
Bi-County	1 of 2
Regional	1 of 8
States	1 of 10

THE RECORD BOOK
Won 76 Lost 0



SETTING THE PACE for all the runners is Todd Howard. In this race Todd was victorious over John Cross, previous record holder for Southern's course.

Front Row: Todd Gibson, Nathan McBee, Todd Howard, Kevin Andrews, Charlie Wesley
Back Row: Coach Carl Booth,

Beau Gibson, Daniel Sincell, Matt Sincell, Justin Hershman, Mike Bittinger, Casey McBee, Peter Porcaro, Sean Conroy

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ECOND PLACE IN STATE XC MEET

snyder, dabney,
newcomb qualify for all-
state team; finish
season 66-11



By: Christy DeWitt

"I love feeling that my heart is going to explode, my legs are going to shrivel up and die and the finish line is my death bed," Megan Dabney, junior, said. "I know when the race (cross country) is over, I will have an H₂O plus banana feast to last me until the natives pick the next bunch of 'nanners.'"

The Girls' Cross Country team made a strong showing at the state championships by placing second overall and they had three runners on the All State team.

Amy Snyder, Meghan Dabney and Lauren Newcomb were the runners that made the All State Team. Amy placed 10th, Meghan 11th and Lauren 13th.

"The state meet was very fun and what made it really great was that we placed second overall as a team," Andrea Devens, senior, said. "The state meet made a great ending to a great year."

The Rams finished the season with a 66-11 record. During this remarkable season, the Lady Rams won the county meet and the Western Maryland Interscholastic League at Northern. They also won the area meet at Allegany Community College.

"Our team kept getting better and better as the season went on," Julie Caruso, senior, said. "This made this year's state championship more exciting than the other ones. We wanted to



win, but were happy with second seeing that Boonsboro had four accomplished seniors in their top five."

Regular season meets were also exciting and exhausting.

"I was relieved that it was over with, because I was worn out," Jody Bowser, freshman, said, "and anxious to see what my time was."

Jody was part of the team coming away with a 24-32 win at Brunswick.

Leading the opening day for the girls was Devens in first, followed by Newcomb in second, Amy Snyder in fifth, Caruso in seventh, Katelyne McBee in ninth, Jennifer Pariseau in tenth and Rachel Robinette in 12th.

The girls continued their winning ways at the Broadford Lake home course. The girls with 25 won over Preston with 37 and University with 71.

Leading was Newcomb in first with a time of 23:00, Devens second, Dabney fourth, Snyder seventh, Caruso 11th, Pariseau 12th and McBee 14th.

CROSS COUNTRY GIRLS who went to States are: **Front row:** Meghan Dabney, Andrea Devens, Julie Caruso, Katelyn McBee **Back row:** Amy Snyder, Christie Hoalcraft, Lauren Newcomb, Coach Louie Newcomb. **It's BREAK TIME** after a race as Lauren Newcomb and Todd Howard try to cool down. "I run because it keeps me in shape," Lauren said, "and I get free bananas!"

The girls won with 28 points over Northern and then won with 21 over Uniontown.

The first loss of the season was when the girls came in third with 119 at the Uniontown Invitational.

At practice, which lasted from 3:30 to 5 p.m., the girls ran at least 3.1 miles running around the course at Broadford Lake.

"Practice really isn't that bad now," Mariah McBee, sophomore, said. "It was kind of hard at first, but now I'm used to it."

Why did students like to run? "I run because it keeps me in shape," Lauren Newcomb, junior, said, "and I get free bananas!"

At practices and meets, the coaches brought bananas for the two boys' and girls' teams.

"I like to run because not only is it an individual sport, but it's a team sport and everyone gets along so well," Devens said.



AT THE ACC MEET, Natalie Carlson comes in 13th with a time of 27:10.



A VERY TIRED LOOKING Julie Caruso crosses the finish line at the Broadford Park course. "Our team kept getting better and better as the season went on. This made this year's state championship more exciting than the other ones."



GIRLS' TRACK

20	University	44
	Preston	56
24	Brunswick	32
25	Preston	37
	University	71
	Area Meet	
	1 out of 10	
	WMIL at Northern	
	1 out of 6	
	Maryland Region 1A	
	3 out of 12	
	FSU Invitational	
	7 out of 15	
	Garrett County	
	Championships	
	24 Northern 34	
	Broadford Park	
	1 out of 5	
	Everhart Invitational	
	3 out of 13	

THE RECORD BOOK

Won 66 Lost 11

LOOKING EXHAUSTED, Rachel Robinette enters her second mile in a 3.1 mile race at local Broadford Park. "I think it's easier to keep running than to stop and walk. Sometimes you feel like walking, but if you do it's just that much harder to run again."



THE 3.1 MILE COURSE can be very tiring, especially as Katelyn McBee finds out with the hot humid weather of the fall. "Practice really isn't that bad now. It was kind of hard at first, but now I'm used to it."

Front row: Elizabeth Moon, Katrina Thayer, Devin McClive, Julie Caruso, Andrea Devens, Carrie Strubin, Katelyn McBee, Lauren Newcomb, Meghan Dabney **Back row:** Coach Louie Newcomb, Amy Snyder,

Shannon Spurrier, Natalie Carlson, Nicole Frazee, Jody Bowser, Jennifer Pariseau, Erica Durst, Michelle Goralski, Erin McClive, Mariah McBee, Rachel Robinette, Christie Hoalcraft

TWENTY BOYS' TRACK GO TO STATES

regional champs with
234 to 96 pts. for next
closest; second out of
34 teams at states

By: Michelle Teter:

The Boys' Track team jumped to new heights and went further distances with a final 21-5 regular season record.

The boys' excellent performances did not stop after the regular season.

They went on to earn the title of Region Champs with an astounding score of 234 points. The runner's up scored only a mere 96 points.

They had an amazing 10 first places in the regional meet held at Williamsport High School.

"I am very proud of those boys; they did very well," Head Coach Steve Cosner said.

The most boys ever qualified for States. "I felt very proud to take 20 of my boys to the State track meet," Coach Cosner commented.

The boys ended up taking second place at the state meet out of a total 34 teams. "Both the Boys' and Girls' track teams have come very far in the 13 years that I have been coaching," Coach Bill Freyman said.

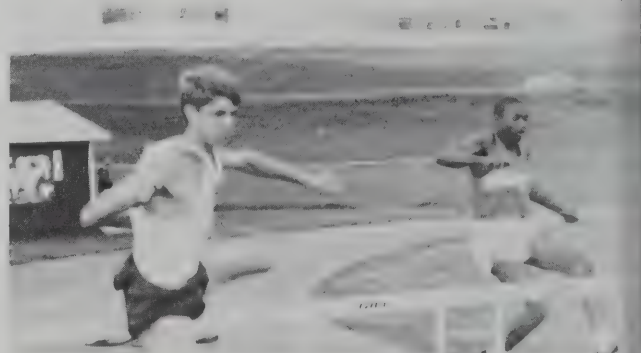
Dave Stephens took first place in the discus and set a new school record with a throw of 142 feet five inches.

The 3200-meter relay team of Charlie Wesley, Kevin Andrews, Todd Howard and Nathan McBee also earned a first place with a time of 8:21.29.

The second-place finishers were Todd Howard in the 3200-meter run, Nathan McBee in the 800-meter run and the 1600-meter relay team of Wesley,



AT A LOCAL SATURDAY meet, Charlie Wesley runs against runners from Fort Hill and Allegany. He was part of the 3200-meter relay team that helped earn a first place at States with a time of 8:21.29. Winding **UP**, Dave Stephens is getting ready to throw the discus. He was the leader in the area and took home the gold medal from States. **AT A LOCAL MEET**, Todd Gibson is running the 110-meter high hurdles. "He has come a very long way in the four years that he has been here," Coach Bill Freyman said.



Nathan Rickman, Frank Kratofil and McBee. Kratofil placed third in the 400-meter dash.

The fourth place finishers were Jared Beckman in the high jump, Dan Sincell in the 3200-meter run, Todd Gibson in the 110-meter high hurdles, Howard in the 1600-meter run and Kratofil in the 400-meter dash. Beckman also took fifth place in the triple jump.

The sixth places were McBee in the 1600-meter run, Gibson in the 300-meter hurdles and Wesley in the 400-meter dash. This was the furthest that the boys have ever gotten in States.

For many of the boys, it was their first year even though they were juniors and seniors. "Track was a new experience for me," Nathan Rickman, junior, said. "I

really enjoyed it because it was different than any other sport that I participated in. I really enjoyed the team continuity. Everyone was always supportive of one another."

They proved to be very dedicated to whatever they did whether it be a running event or a field event and it paid off in the end.

"Both teams should be proud of what they have accomplished, especially the seniors in the four years that they have been here. They have showed extreme leadership skills and we couldn't be more proud of them," Coaches Cosner and Freyman said.

AS A SOPHOMORE, Daniel Sincell qualified for States. He not only qualified, but placed fourth in the 3200-meter run.





JUMPING HIGH, Danny Compitello participated in track and field for his first year.

PLACING FIFTH IN THE TRIPLE jump at States, Jared Beckman was the best jumper in the area.



BOYS' TRACK		
70	Keyser	58
115.5	Beall	29.5
County Championship		
1 out of 2		
Area		
4 out of 9		
WMIL		
3 out of 5		
Regionals		
1 out of 6		
States		
2 out of 34		
THE RECORD BOOK		
Won 21 Lost 5		



ONE OF THE
STRONG
senior
leaders is
Todd
Howard. He
led the teams
in stretching
every day
and placed in
three events
at States.



Front row: Jason Huber, Daniel Sincell, Nick Dolan, Peter Porcaro, Mike Prohonic, Charlie Wesley **Row two:** Tim Upton, Justin Hershman, Casey McBee, Beau Gibson, Kevin Andrews, Todd Howard, Head Coach Steve Cosner **Row three:** Eric Thomas, Tim MaCauley, Adam Chorpennning, Justin Helbig, Matt Sincell, Nathan McBee **Row four:** Dave Stephens, Nathan Rickman, Dale Schoch, Frank Kratofil, Jeremy Duckett, Danny Nelson **Back row:** Jared Beckman, Matt Glotfelty, Danny Compitello, Joel Getty, Chad Maroney, Todd Gibson

S OCCER STARTS OFF FAST, THEN SLOWS

*wins two out of first three;
only win one more against
Northern; Nelson scores to
break 2-2 tie to win*

By: Stephen Goralski

The Rams started the season off good by winning two out of their first three games. The Rams only won one more game after that, but it was very exciting.

It was against Southern's rival Northern. The Rams staged an excellent comeback.

"We may not have won all our games, but we kicked Northern's butt, and isn't that all that matters," Karlo Gesner, sophomore, said.

The Rams were down 2-0 with 15 minutes left when Joey DiSimone and Danny Nelson both scored to tie the game. With hardly no time left in the game, Nelson scored again to take the lead.

"I was getting a little worried about the game but after we tied it up I knew we would win," Matt Sincell, junior, said.

There were many other close games during the season. Against Beall, with the rain pouring down, the Rams only lost by one in overtime. With the score tied 2-2, a Ram player fell and Beall scored.

"We could have won, but we lost concentration at the end," Steve Pariseau, sophomore, said.

The Rams also had close games to Bishop Walsh and Westmar, but luck always went to the other team.

The game against Flintstone was also a heartbreaker. The Rams had the lead by Kevin Andrews' four goals. Flintstone



scored another goal at the end to make it 6-5.

In Southern's playoff game against Mt. Savage it was tied 0-0 at half time, but one of Southern's best players got a concussion and was out of the game. The final was 2-0.

"I think we could have had a chance to win if we were at our home field and we didn't have anybody hurt," Gesner said.

The Rams had a good season considering they only had three years of experience. There were eight starting seniors, with five of them playing since the team began in 1993.

"This year's soccer team has been the best year yet," Danny Nelson, senior, said. "Although our record didn't show it, we did very good. With the skill level of all the players on the team, we should have been a lot better."

The scoring was led by Joey DiSimone with eight goals and four assists.

Other top scorers were Kevin Andrews with six goals and two assists and Stephen Goralski with four goals and two assists.

Meghan Dabney and Danny Nelson chipped in with important goals.



AS HE WARMS UP for the game, Jimmy Burns concentrates on his kick. "As you can tell, this kick looks very bad. They should not have printed it."

STEVE GORALSKI IS HEADING the ball to one of his teammates. The head is the only other part of the body you can use on the field. **GETTING READY** for the game, Kevin Andrews is dribbling up the field. "I think it is important to warm up before a game."

Freshmen Derrick Nelson and John Andrews also helped the team with goals.

"I was really surprised that I got to score in my first varsity soccer game as a freshman," Derrick said.

The Rams finished the year with 28 goals scored and 50 goals scored against.

SOCCER

5	Calvary Christian	0
1	Allegany	8
6	Northern	2
0	Fort Hill	4
2	Beall	3
0	Salisbury	5
3	Northern	2
0	Salisbury	5
3	Bishop Walsh	4
3	Westmar	5
0	Mt. Savage	5
6	Flintstone	5
0	Mt. Savage	2

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Won 2 Lost 11



KEVIN ANDREWS throws the ball in. This was the only time you could touch the ball with your hands if you're not a goalie.



WARMING UP for a game, Danny Nelson is shown kicking the ball. "Before every game, we always went through the same warm-up routine."

TRYING TO GET A BETTER shot on a goal, Joey DiSimone fakes out a Salisbury defender. "We should have done better in that game. I was disappointed."



Front row: Andrew Granke, Jamie Durst, Franny Coviello, Meghan Dabney, Derrick Nelson, Chad Lovett, Jessie Ashby, Steve Alison, Justin Helbig
Row two: Jamie Jacoby, Karlo Gesner, Daniel Sincell, Nick Glotfelty, Jimmy Burns, Steve Pariseau, Christian Coviello, Danny Nelson, Chris

Ewing, Joey DiSimone
Back row: Coach Dave Spirk, Mark Ludwig, John Andrews, Joel Getty, Kevin Andrews, Stephen Goralski, Jonathan Price, Jeff McDaniel, Matt Sincell, Corey Friend, Head Coach Tom Powers

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LEVEN OUT OF 14 WON TOWARD END

*'...they worked as hard
as any I've coached!
...due to senior leader-
ship and commitment ...'*

By: Michelle Teter

"This was a great group of seniors. As a group, they worked as hard as any I've coached!"

That was the comment made by Coach Tom Bosley after a great season. The team was 4-8 after 12 games, and then went on to win 11 of 14 with a total record of 15-11.

Bosley said that it was "due to senior leadership and the commitment to the program."

The starting five consisted of five seniors who also led in scoring, rebounding, assists and free throw percentage.

Jimmy Pamepinto led the scoring averaging 12.4 points per game.

Scott Shahan was right behind him with 10.5 points per game. "It was a great experience for me. I love the game and it has brought me some really good friends."

Biz Tasker took the lead in rebounding averaging 5.2 per game. "Basketball this year was something I'll remember forever. Basketball is a fun sport and it also kept me out of trouble."

Jason Sweitzer shot 71 percent in free throws to lead the team.

Jason Hamrick was the leader in assists with a total of 68.

The boys also had five juniors who contributed to the team with a great deal of playing time. They showed a lot of improvement from last year on the JV team.



SCOTT SHAHAN (23) **LOOKS** for an open man. He was the second leading scorer, "I love the game." **6'6" JARED BECKMAN** (41) scores as his fingers brush the rim. Jared was frequently seen with his fingers wrapped around the rim. His dunks brought enthusiasm to new heights. **JASON SWEITZER** (32) **FIRES** up a three pointer. He was often cheered on by the crowd because of his great shots.

The boys battled through the playoffs to the Regional Championship game. They faced Williamsport at Northern to lose 43-58.

"I wish we could have gone further in the playoffs," Jimmy said.

The Girls' Basketball team played Westmar at Northern for the Regional Championship also. They too lost 53-51.

The community showed a lot of support toward both teams. The coaches were very pleased with the encouragement from the parents, teachers, fans and local businesses. There was a pep rally to fire up the teams and recognize them. There was also a fire drill to wish the teams good luck and to send them off.

The teams also showed a lot of respect toward each other. Numerous players said, "the boys and girls should be proud, we had fun."

Mike Flanagan said, "The Boys' and Girls' Basketball teams were great this year. Both teams tried their best and should be commended for their hearts towards the season."





THE BEST THREE point shooter was Jimmy Pamepinto (33). He takes yet again, one more three. "Basketball is a good sport and it kept me out of trouble for four years."

STANDING IN HIS defensive stance, Jason Hamrick (44) is actively awaiting to play defense on his man. Jason was the point guard and leader in assists.



VARSITY BASKETBALL

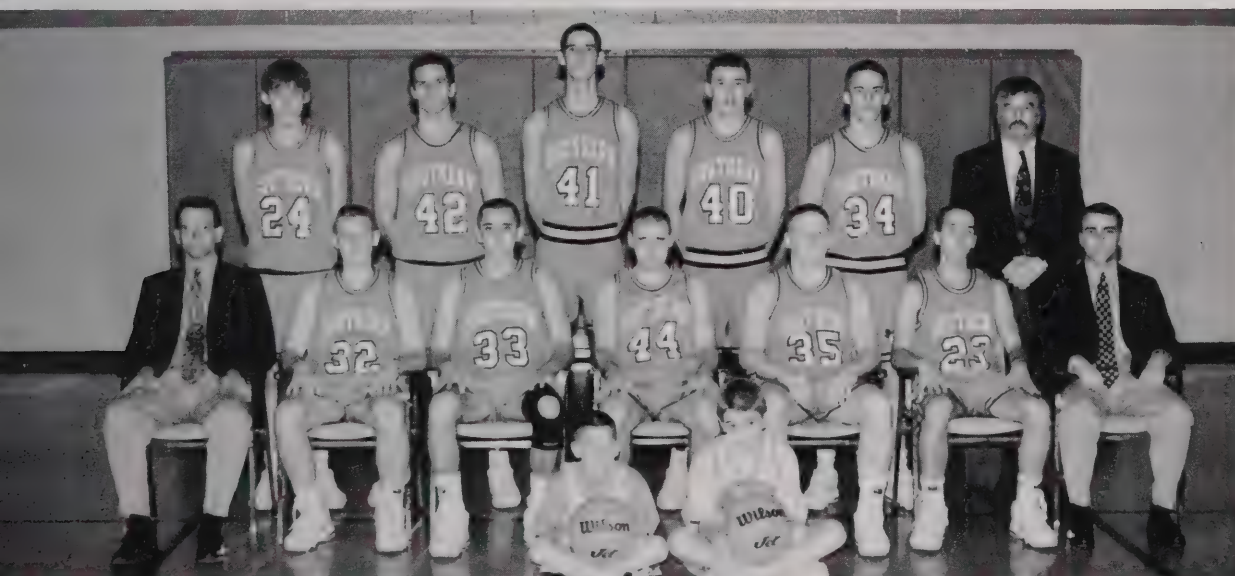
47	Bishop Walsh	55
58	Tucker County	62
46	Mt. Savage	40
53	Beall	51
79	Waynesburg	55
45	Preston	53
57	Westmar	71
60	Northern	41
79	Allegany	80
48	Keyser	51
41	Bishop Walsh	56
62	Allegany	79
69	Mt. Savage	65
53	Keyser	51
49	Fort Hill	47
47	Westmar	45
52	Tucker County	64
73	Frankfort	53
53	Beall	57
71	Frankfort	49
56	Northern	45
71	Fort Hill	60
Playoffs		
71	Hancock	50
61	Clear Spring	42
76	Northern	69
43	Williamsport	58

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AARON NEWCOMB, (35) along with his Jimmy Pamepinto (33), find their man so they can play hard defense that will hopefully win the game. Defense was often the key to winning the basketball game.

Managers: A.J. Bender, Michael Saturday **Front row:** Coach Dave Bender, Jason Sweitzer, Jimmy Pamepinto, Jason Hamrick, Aaron Newcomb, Scott Shahan, Coach Matt Redinger **Back Row:** Ryan Adams, Matt Ruff, Jared Beckman, Biz Tasker, Mike Flanagan, Head Coach Tom Bosley



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RIENDS ON AND
OFF THE COURT

A child's first stride
toward adulthood; an
adult's last lingering
hold on youth

By: Carrie Filsinger

"Basketball is fun and enjoyable for all ages," Nathan DiSimone, freshman, said. "It's a child's first stride toward adulthood and an adult's last lingering hold on youth."

The JV Boys finished the season with an 8-12 mark, but as individual memories will be forgotten, friendships and fun times will always be remembered.

"I really enjoyed playing basketball because I got to play with my friends," Mike Bittinger, sophomore, said. "Basketball made us better friends on and off the court."

Many of the junior varsity players played basketball last year and had experience of playing together.

"When the other sophomores and I began playing this season, we already had one year experience of playing together," Josh Helbig, sophomore, said. "We could continue building instead of starting over."

Successful players knew their teammates' moves and they learned how to predict what each other would do next.

As the year progressed, team unity became second nature.

"When the season started, this was a very inexperienced group of basketball players," Mr. Jim Bosley, head coach, said. "However, they worked hard and showed great improvement."

The leading scorers were John



WITH DEFENSIVE HANDS flying everywhere (above), John Andrews (24) protects the ball, preventing his opponent from getting the steal. John ran all the team's offenses. **BRINGING THE BALL** up the court (left) was the job of point guard John Andrews (24). "Being a point guard was hard because I had to see the entire court at once, while protecting the ball." **PUTTING UP A SHOT**, Chris Ewing (below) concentrates on the basket. JV players spent many hours perfecting their shot that by the end of the season had become almost second nature.



Andrews and Derek Everd.

"Basketball was very interesting and we had fun," John Andrews, freshman point guard, said.

John Ayers lead the team in foul shooting percentage and field goal percentage.





HELPING HIM TO GET up and over defensive players, John Ayers learns to shoot the basketball at the top of his jump.

JV BOYS' BASKETBALL

30	Bishop Walsh	44
35	Tucker County	36
56	Mt. Savage	17
44	Beall	25
37	Westmar	47
54	Northern	27
40	Allegany	59
35	Keyser	49
46	Bishop Walsh	52
43	Allegany	49
58	Mt. Savage	25
44	Keyser	57
35	Fort Hill	50
47	Westmar	32
34	Tucker County	29
51	Frankfort	33
48	Beall	58
63	Frankfort	48
30	Northern	31
33	Fort Hill	44

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Won 8 Lost 12

DEREK EVERD waits for teammate Chris Bittinger to get open. Chris said that they spent many hours working on how to make strong passes.



Front row: John Ayers, John Andrews, Derek Everd **Back row:** Chris Ewing, Chad Warnick, Josh Helbig, Mike Bittinger, Christopher Bittinger

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XPECTED TO WIN AND THEY DID

'We had our best
season ever and
had much to be
proud of'

By: Carrie Filsinger

Throughout their entire season, the Girls' Basketball team was expected to win which was what they did.

The team was the best; the best the school had ever had.

They were number one in the area; they were number one in the state.

"We had our best season ever and had much to be proud of," Mr. Don Stemple, head coach, said.

The extra experience they received from playing together last year helped them win games and receive the recognition of being ranked number one in the state.

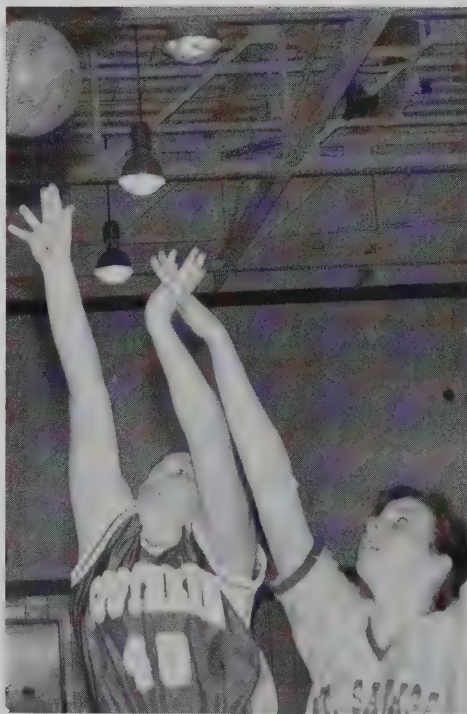
As five great seniors graduated, their friendship, skill and competitiveness will be greatly missed.

"I will miss the five seniors," Kerri Cannon, junior, said. "They filled our team with life, jiven' warm-up music and hopefully one day we will all play together again on Southern's court against Westmar."

Overall the Girls' Basketball team won 20 and lost 4. They recorded the most wins ever for a basketball team at Southern High, for both boys' and girls' programs.

The Lady Rams won their way to a WMIL title championship with a perfect record of 14-0 within the Western Maryland League.

The Lady Rams lost only three games during the regular season. One against Hammond in the Capital Classic



final and the other two losses came to the Tucker County Mt. Lions, the West Virginia State Champs.

During the Maryland State Girls' Basketball Playoffs, the Lady Rams continued to win.

The season ended when the Lady Rams fell to the Westmar Wildcats in the Regional Championship game.

"Our season ending 53-51 loss to Westmar was the most devastating of my career," Coach Stemple said.

Off the court the Lady Rams were also successful. They had a combined GPA of 3.4.



BEFORE THE GAME, Coach Don Stemple, (above) Angela Shafer and Miranda Marple share a few laughs. "Miranda is the kind of kid that is happy no matter where or what the situation," Coach Stemple said. "She makes everyone around her happy too." **THE TEAM'S SECOND LEADING** scorer, Kerri Cannon (left) with 217 points as a junior, pulls down the rebound over a Mt. Savage player. **THE TEAM'S OFFENSIVE CATALYST**, Angela Shafer (below), had a perfect jumpshot that took years to perfect. She is tenth on the career scoring list with 544 points.





On **FEBRUARY 6**, during an away game at Mt. Savage, senior Emily Friend dominates the paint as she scores her 1,000th career point out of 1,185 in all and pulled down 206 rebounds as a senior.

GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

66	Mt. Savage	48
68	Martinsburg	64
53	Westmar	51
54	Beall	28
56	Glen Burnie	43
61	Annapolis	45
52	Hammond	53
51	Northern	36
55	Bishop Walsh	47
39	Tucker County	62
59	Westmar	56
56	Martinsburg	33
63	Beall	27
60	Allegany	39
71	Bishop Walsh	30
58	Northern	40
55	Mt. Savage	47
35	Tucker County	46
71	Allegany	37
54	Fort Hill	26

Playoffs

71	Hancock	47
73	Clear Spring	29
56	Northern	38
51	Westmar	53

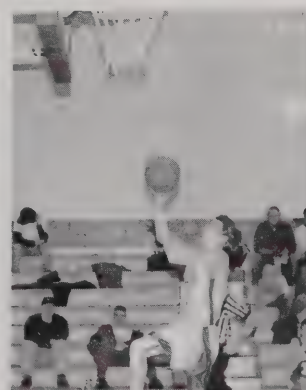
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MEGHAN DABNEY GUARDS the Tucker County point guard. As a two year starter on the Varsity team, she scored 266 points and led her team in assists with 89.

FINISHING A CONTROL BREAK with a lay-up is Miranda Marple. Miranda, along with Emily, Alisa, Angela and Kristi, was named to the Western MD All-Star team.



Front row: Natalie Carlson, Lauren Newcomb, Meghan Dabney, Kerri Cannon, Autumn Newcomb **Back row:** Assistant Coach Kenny McLaughlin, Miranda Marple, Angela Shafer, Emily Friend, Alisa Rugg, Kristi Stemple, Head Coach Don Stemple



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UCH IMPROVED OVER LAST YEAR

'...a great season,
especially when we
broke Northern's 25
game winning streak'

By: Erin Wampler

"This year's team was much improved over last year's team," Girls' JV Coach Kendra Todd said. "It was nice to have nine returning sophomores because they were good leaders to the freshmen. We all put in a lot of hard work and were rewarded by a winning season."

The JV team definitely had a much improved winning season winning a record of 12-6.

"I think we had a great season, especially when we broke Northern's 25 game winning streak," Bridget Miller, sophomore, said. "I hope we have many more winning seasons."

Every player on the team improved and helped the new players along.

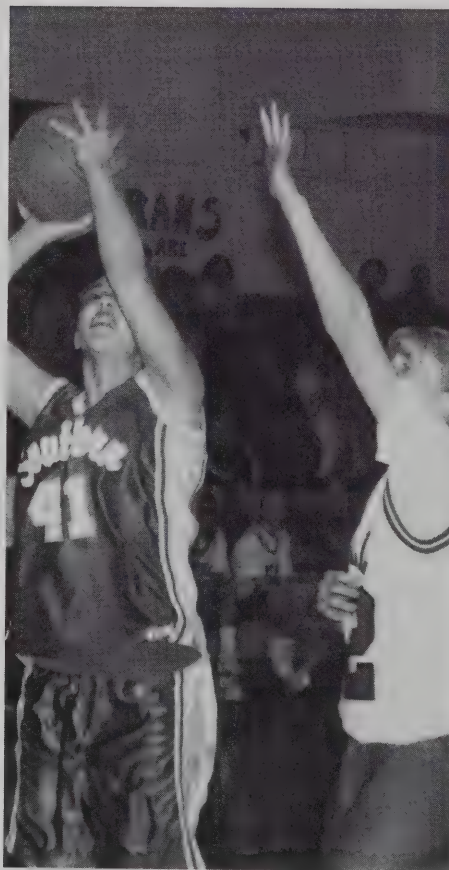
"I enjoyed the basketball and learned a lot of things," Coriell Lewis, freshman, said. "I look forward to playing three more years."

The team was definitely more sure of themselves.

"This year we had more confidence which helped us win more games," Carrie Filsinger, sophomore, said. "Winning games made basketball more fun and I will never forget the friendship I made through this past year of basketball."

Even though their confidence got carried away sometimes, there were still other great things to make up for it.

"Basketball was cool because we didn't have to wear the skimpy little uniforms from last year," Elizabeth



Paesani, sophomore, said.

Overall the season was great and will always be remembered.

"I think our season was great," Amanda Mayle, sophomore, said. "We had two great coaches that really helped us out and wanted us to win, win, win and to always believe in ourselves. It was fun and I'll miss playing for them."



FAKING OUT HER OPPONENTS, Bridget Miller (42) passes the ball to a teammate who scores earning Bridget an assist. Erin Shaffer was ready to catch the ball if it came to her. **ELIZABETH PAESANI** (41) **POWERS** the ball up to the basket hard past a Fort Hill defender. She was one of the leading scorers of that game. **NORTHERN'S 25 GAME** winning streak was broken with the help of Michelle Teter (14). She passes the ball to Erin Shaffer who takes it to the hole for two points.





READY AND WAITING to receive the ball, Michelle Teter (14) waits for the pass. This game against Northern didn't last nearly as long as the game in the Snow Flake Classic that went into overtime.

AS SHE DENIES her player passage, Erin Shaffer (21) keeps a Fort Hill player from taking the ball. "We showed a lot of improvement individually and as a team," Michelle Teter said.



GIRLS' JV BASKETBALL

21	Martinsburg	38
41	Westmar	18
36	Beall	25
37	Keyser	34
42	Northern	39
33	Bishop Walsh	26
35	Westmar	25
42	Martinsburg	44
33	Beall	22
18	Tucker County	43
47	Bishop Walsh	26
37	Northern	33
23	Tucker County	64
44	Fort Hill	38
31	Allegany	35
36	Fort Hill	41
31	Allegany	19

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SCORING

TWO,

Amanda

Mayle (40)

takes it to the

hole against

the Allegany

Campers.

Southern

won that

game by a

close margin

of four points.



Front row: Carrie Filsinger, Michelle Teets, Amanda Mayle, Elizabeth Paesani, Bridget Miller, Marni Sweitzer, Erin Shaffer, Frannie Coviello, Coriell Lewis **Back row:** Coach Kendra Todd, Jennifer

Teagarden, manager, Erin Wampler, Jessica Saturday, Sharon Compitello, Laura Friend, Shannon Elliott, Annie Neville, Coach Jane Wildesen



SHE SHOOTS! She scores earning two points for Bridget Miller (43). "I think our best game we played was when we played Northern at home and we went into double overtime and kicked their butts!"



HIGH FINISH FOR WRESTLING TEAM

four wrestlers place in
state tournament; excel-
lent 10th. place finish in
entire state

By: A. J. Fleming

"I am not familiar with our school's history in wrestling, but I can assume that this is probably our school's highest finish," Head Coach Kurt Lear said. "We were only able to complete this with the individual efforts of Nathan Rickman, Tommy Sweitzer, Eric Rexrode and Eric Bendler."

The season was a success for many Ram wrestlers.

"I think the team performed excellent," Eric Rexrode, freshman, said.

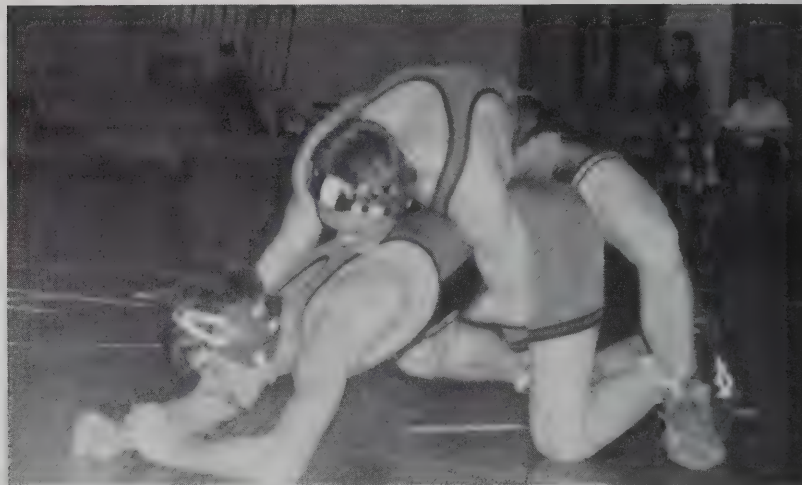
Out of the Ram Wrestling team, four wrestlers placed in the state tournament: Nathan Rickman who placed 2nd, Tommy Sweitzer who placed 8th, Eric Rexrode who placed 8th and Eric Bendler who also placed 8th.

Even though only four wrestlers placed in the State Tournament, the overall team's performance was excellent with a 10th place finish in the entire state of Maryland.

Nathan Rickman's performance was outstanding for the year with a 34-2 record.

"In one way I was satisfied with my performance, but in another way I knew I could achieve more and hopefully obtain first place in next year's state tournament," Nathan, a junior, said.

"Success in wrestling, of our team, is not measured by the efforts of a few but by how many you take towards the top," Coach Lear said.



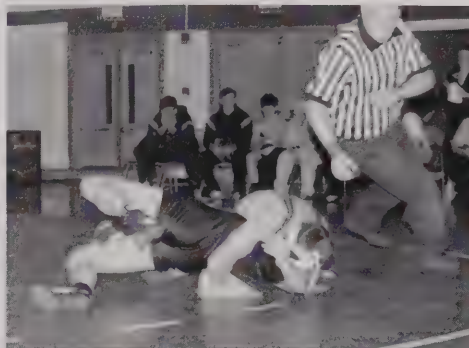
A TIGHT WAIST (above) is being put on a Frankfort wrestler by Howard Crosco. Howard later won the match by a pin in the third period. **CRAWLING QUICKLY AFTER** his opponent, Nathan Rickman (left) goes on to win the match in the first period. This win upped Nathan's record to 9-0. **HOWARD CROSCO WRAPS** his wrestler (below) in a tight hold. He later took down the wrestler, and earned two points.





PAUL TEPPER BARS the legs of his opponent! Paul quickly received two points for the take down and gaining control.

IN AN ATTEMPT to earn a pin, Eric Rexrode bars his opponent's arms. Just a second later, Eric pinned the wrestler.



AFTER A QUICK VICTORY over another wrestler, Nathan Rickman stomps off the mat. Nathan won the match in the first period.



Front Row: Tommy Sweitzer, Derrick Dove, Eric Rexrode, Nathan Rickman, Paul Teppar, Eric Bendler, Nick Dolan **Back Row:** Coach

Joe Heatherman, Steve Shiflett, Jeff Maule, Rodney Bird, Howard Croasco, Jeremiah Johnson, Jay Kight, Jack Kight

WRESTLING

33	Fort Hill	35
26	Williamsport	43
29	Westmar	36
41	Westmar	24
40	Beall	33
40	Fort Hill	36
26	Northern	48
50	Beall	21
25	Northern	42
51	Keyser	20
40	Fort Hill	36
36	Lewis County	40
54	University	6
24	Northern	40
51	Beall	48
27	Westmar	40
34	Meyersdale	36
33	Hyndman	39
10	in State Finals	

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CHOOL SPIRIT AND SUPPORT

new demerit system
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By: Kandice Shomo

Cheerleaders were a big part of Southern's athletic department. They were there at almost all of the sporting events to show their school spirit and support for the teams.

"It was difficult to find the time to squeeze everything into my tight schedule but I really enjoy cheerleading so somehow I make everything work," Maggie Suess, junior, said. "This football season was especially busy with all of the playoff games. However, it was well worth it, I had so much fun."

The year was a great year for the cheerleaders. It all started with a big change as Mrs. Lisa Bender became the new adviser and brought many new ideas.

"The new demerit system was difficult to get used to," Erika Durst, senior, said. "It definitely kept us all in line. It was harsh but fair."

Whether it was actually cheering for the teams, decorating the halls with spirited signs or just sending the teams off with something for good luck, the cheerleaders were always there doing their job to let the athletes know someone was always behind them 100 percent.

"I really liked the approach we used for the pep rallies," Hillary Garris, senior, said. "I feel the student body got into them more and showed more school spirit."



THE VARSITY CHEERLEADERS (above) rejoice after the successful free throw. Hillary Garris and Annie Ashby seem to be extremely excited. **CHEERLEADERS ARE NOT** born peppy. It takes practice like anything else. Hillary Garris and Teresa Nelson (left) wait for Jessica Murray's foot to put her in an extension. **ANXIOUSLY AWAITING TO SEE** which team will gain possession of the ball after the fumble are (below) Jessica Murray, Vicki Donham and Beth Maroney.





"It WAS SO EXCITING to cheer for football," Beth Maroney (right) said as she and Kandice Shomo wait patiently for the third quarter of the homecoming game against Hampshire. "I'm really sad it's my last football season."

"THIS WAS A GREAT football season," Erika Durst said as she begins a cheer trying to lead the Rams to a victory. "I'm really going to miss cheerleading."



Front row: Maggie Suess, Kandi Ashby, Kandice Shomo
Row two: Annie Ashby, Erika Durst, Hillary Garris, Audrey

Sweitzer Back row: Mandy Rush, Teresa Nelson, Vicki Donham, Jessica Murray, Beth Maroney

Marrying your Honey from high school

By: Michelle Teter

Did you ever walk down the halls looking at all the couples wondering if they will still be together in 20 years?

Sometimes they break up and sometimes they do not. That was what was found out after sending numerous letters to the faculty members about their high school sweethearts.

Surprisingly, many ended up marrying theirs and were very glad they did.

On the other hand, there were others that thank God every day that they didn't! "Haven't seen the man in 26 years," Mrs. Jeri Swartzentruber commented.

A few mentioned that they really didn't have one.

Most made the comment that it was "love at first sight" and they knew they would end up marrying them.

"I knew I would marry him from the first date," Mrs. Ann Stanley said. Mrs. Stanley has now been married to her husband for 21 years. They went on their first date when she was only 16.

Coach Don Stemple also thought that it was "love at first sight." "The truth is, Mary Lou started chasing me when I was about five and she finally caught me in the eleventh grade!" Mr. Stemple and his wife were prom king and queen.

"I was in the Coast Guard and we were away from each other for a period of time and realized we needed to get together so we got married," Mr. Stemple said. They were married at age 21 and had

three daughters.

Kristi is the youngest and has a high school sweetheart of her own. "My parents were high school sweethearts and prom king and queen. Now they are married, so maybe Todd (Howard) and I will follow in their footsteps..."

Mr. Delbert Liller got together with his sweetheart at a dance. It was "one of the best evenings ever. We danced and enjoyed each other's company." They dated for about two and a half years and then they married. He too commented that he wanted to marry her from the beginning.

Mrs. Leona Fike spent the first 20 years traveling with her husband in the Air Force. They lived all over the United States, such as in Alabama, Washington State, Hawaii and Virginia. He retired after 20 years.

Some teachers took a little longer to finally get together with their sweetheart. Ms. Rhonda Tasker dated her husband off and on since 1984 and finally married in 1991.

Mrs. Maxine Miller dated her husband for four years on and off in high school, three years on and off in college and two years after college. She stayed in the area to teach and they were reunited at a friend's wedding.

Many of these teachers had a feeling they were going to eventually marry their high school sweetheart.

As for all the sweethearts in school today, it's hard to tell. Only time will tell.

"Yes, I had a high school sweetheart. No, thank God, I did not end up marrying him."

Mrs. Kim Kuhn





KING AND QUEEN of their high school prom, Coach Don Stemple and Mary Lou started dating their junior year in high school

FOR THE FIRST 20 YEARS of their marriage, Mrs. Leona Fike and her husband traveled with the United States Air Force. Here they are the day after they got married right before they left for Alabama.



HIS WIFE'S BACK YARD is the setting for Mr. Delbert Liller and wife. "It was the spring of 1960 in Loch Lynn."



PRIOR TO THEIR JR-SR PROM, Miss Maxine Klink and Mr. Jeff Miller pose in May, 1980. "The theme was 'At the End of the Rainbow...' Mrs. Miller said. "Back then, I would never have

guessed we'd travel the path to the end of the rainbow together. Just like the rainbow, the rain an sunshine we've experienced together have made us stronger along the way."



MS. RHONDA TASKER AND HER HUSBAND dance underneath the stars after their senior prom. "Although I didn't feel well, we had a good time." Surprisingly, many teachers ended up marrying their sweethearts and were very glad they did.

TWO OF MANY high school sweethearts are Todd Howard and Kristi Stemple. They have been going out for a couple of years and hope to follow in her parents' footsteps. They will both be attending St. Francis University.

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RUSTRATING SEASON FOR VOLLEYBALL

*'We had the
potential to win, but
we always seemed to
come up short'*

By: Abby Hershman

Despite all the hard work, the determination and the fact that they played well, the Volleyball team did not have a winning season.

It seemed as though no matter what was done, things just didn't go right.

"This season was very frustrating," Misty Rodeheaver, junior, said. "We had the potential to win, but we always seemed to come up short. In our playoff game against Flintstone, we were one match away from winning and we just couldn't pull through as a team to win."

On September 25, the Volleyball team went up against undefeated Fort Hill and played extremely well. They played all five matches and won two of the matches.

"When we pull together as a team, which is what we did when we played Fort Hill, we play very well," Varsity Captain Jenny Panther, senior, said. "The first time in the season when we went up against Fort Hill they were undefeated and we played all five matches against them. It felt great to have played as good as we did against an undefeated team."

The first win of the season was against the Bishop Walsh Spartans. This was the first time in a couple of years that the Volleyball team had beaten them.

"When we beat Bishop Walsh, it felt so good," Lori Evans, senior, said. "The whole Varsity team got in a huddle and

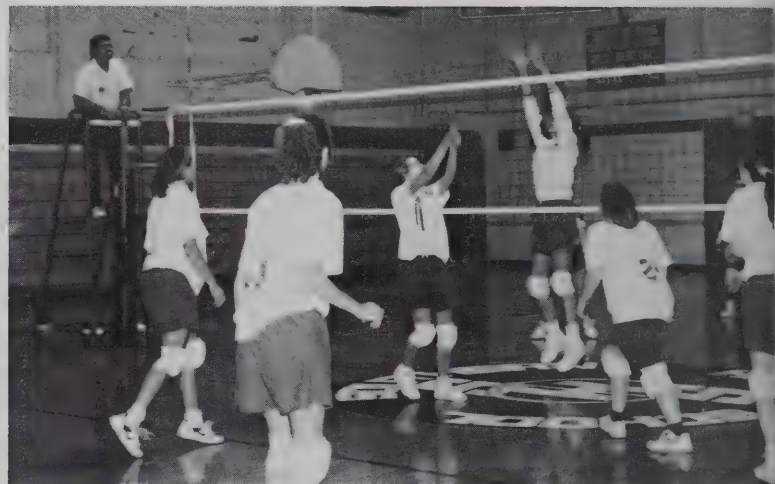


started screaming and cheering because we could not believe that we had won. We definitely deserved to win. We played very good and they played very well against us, but after going all five matches we came out to be the better team."

Yellow and red cards were very rarely given out during Volleyball season. These cards were given to players and coaches who yelled at the referees. Yellow cards were given out as warnings and if a player received a red card they were ejected from the game.

"I got a yellow card during our game at Westmar because I started yelling at the referee when he made a very bad call against us," Allison White, senior, said.

Junior Varsity, on the other hand, had an alright season. They came out even



BUMPING THE BALL (above) over the net is Erica Upole. The other teammates get into covering position so they can get the ball if it's blocked by the other team. **UNDERHAND SERVING** the ball (left) is Angie Lechlitter. She went on to score five points in a row to put her team in the lead. **BUMP** **PASSING THE BALL** (below) to an unknown setter is Angie Lechlitter. Sindy Niner (14) patiently waits for the setter to set the ball. The Rams later went on to beat the Bishop Walsh Spartans by winning three of the five matches played.



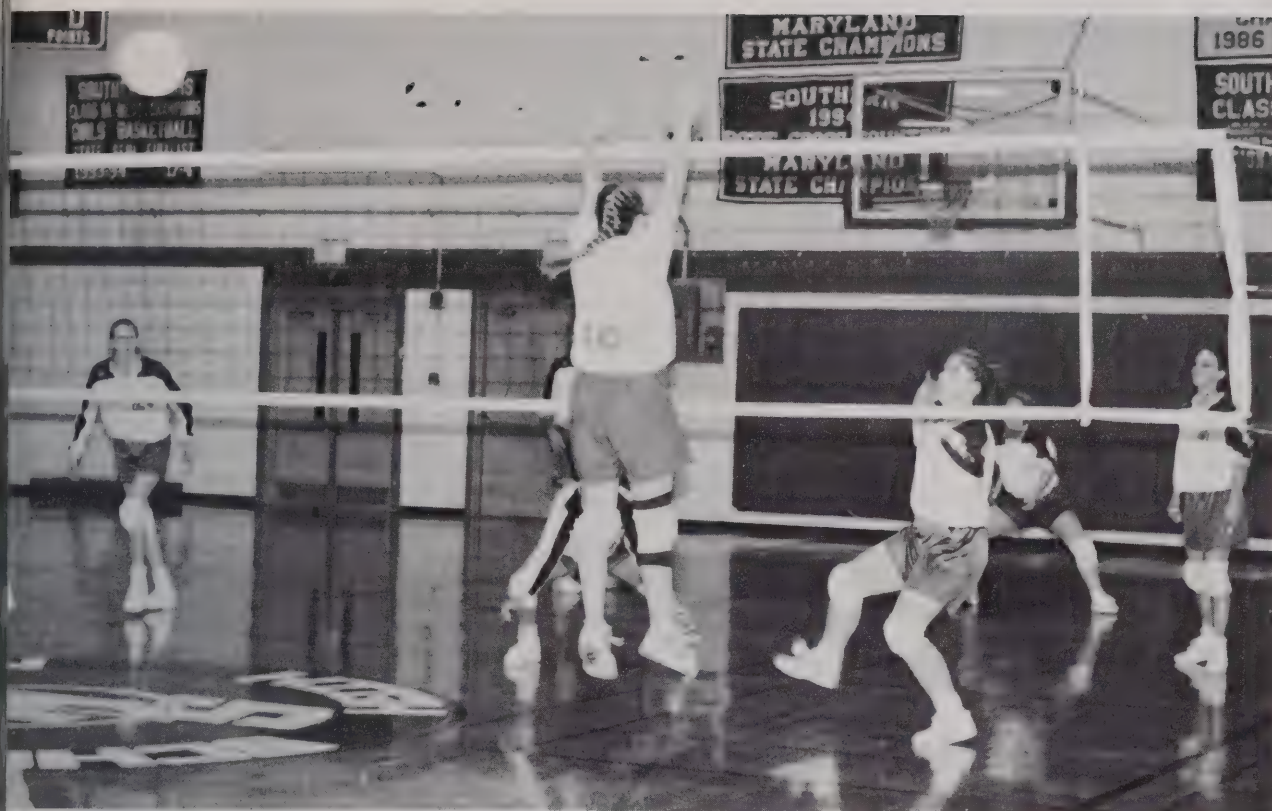
by winning seven games and losing seven games.

Some players on JV did something unusual that they thought would help them win. They carried around the Tiger doll for luck.

"Tiger was cool because he 'boinged'," Elizabeth Paesani, sophomore, said. "He just kicked butt!"

One unforgettable event was when Elizabeth Paesani ruined her ankle for life. It was during a game against Northern when Paesani went up for a spike and when she came down she landed the wrong way and twisted her ankle.

"It was terrible," Paesani said. "Since it was one of our biggest games, that made it even worse. I wanted to come back and play but I couldn't. I felt like I was letting down the team with my absence."



JUMPING UP TO BLOCK is Lori Evans (10). Lori was pretty good at blocking the other teams's spikes. "I love it when I block a spike. It makes me feel like I did a good deed for the team."



JV: Row one: Rachel Lane, Chrissy Steyer, Meredith Martin **Row two:** Alicia Sausman, Erin Shaffer, Sarah Mattingly, Missy Simmons, Jessica Saturday, Kassy Skipper, Jessica Getson, Brittany Slider **Back row:** Kristy Rounds, Cambria Harman, Heather Shahan, Shelley Winters, Elizabeth Paesani, Rachel Shaffer, Michelle Teter, Sarah Lechlitter



Varsity: Row one: Michelle Prohonic, Erica Uphold, Angie Lechlitter, Abby Herschman **Row two:** Joy Sisler, Sylvia Paesani, Misty Rodeheaver, Cindy Niner **Back row:** Allison White, Lori Evans, Jenny Panther



JV VOLLEYBALL		
0	Flintstone	2
2	Bishop Walsh	0
2	Allegany	1
0	Northern	2
0	Fort Hill	2
0	Mount Savage	2
2	Beall	1
2	Westmar	0
2	Oldtown	1
0	Mount Savage	2
2	Westmar	0
0	Fort Hill	2
2	Allegany	1
0	Northern	2
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Won 7 Lost 7		

PASSING THE BALL up to the setter is Michelle Prohonic. Allison White (11) stands behind Michelle to back her up just in case she wouldn't have been able to get to the ball.

VAR. VOLLEYBALL		
0	Flintstone	3
3	Bishop Walsh	2
1	Allegany	3
1	Northern	3
2	Fort Hill	3
0	Mount Savage	3
1	Beall	3
0	Westmar	3
3	Oldtown	1
0	Mount Savage	3
2	Westmar	3
0	Fort Hill	3
1	Allegany	3
0	Northern	3
PLAYOFFS		
2	Flintstone	3
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Won 2 Lost 13		

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OURTH PLACE FINISH IN STATES

girls' track stays
undefeated all year till
states; finishes year with
50-3 final record

By: Mark Ludwig

By clutching fourth-place in their hands, the Girls' Track team earned a very respectable place. Going into the State Finals they were undefeated, and had hoped to win it all.

"Track was great this year," Michelle Teter said. "The seniors showed great leadership. The weather wasn't too co-operative, but that even made it fun sometimes."

Starting off sharply, the girls looked as though they had the spirit of champions. Other schools that were competing against the team were worried, at the beginning of the season, because they knew the girls had the potential to be winners.

With everything going smoothly for the team, they continued through the year looking very poised and hungry for victory.

By staying undefeated through the course of the year, the girls were very confident in themselves as well as the other members of the team. They were ready for what ever was ahead of them.

"I was pretty upset that I did not qualify for state competition," Elizabeth Paesani, sophomore, said. "I tripped coming out of the starting block and that cost me valuable time. I missed qualifying by sixth-tenths of a second. I was angry but I knew that there was always next year."

Elizabeth and Alison Rudy combined in high jump to finish with a great year.



Teter and Sara Sincell both competed in triple jump.

Christy Hoalcraft did hurdles for the team, Tonya Friend in the 100 meter dash and Jenny Grant for the discus and shot put.



FLYING OVER HURDLES is what Andrea Devens (above) does best. Devens, who was one of the senior members that graduated, was one of the two best hurdlers on the team. **GRASPING TIGHTLY ON HER BATON.** Annie Neville (left) continues on her race to the finish. Annie ran in the 3200-meter relay numerous times throughout the year. **PRESSING ON IS** Natalie Carlson (below) doing a 1600-meter run. Natalie was an avid distance runner, and helped to contribute to the girls team.





LEADING THE PACK is Southern's own Katelyne McBee. McBee was one of the many freshman girls on the team. Here she led nine other runners on their way to the finish.

TOSSING A SHOT is hard when you're not Kerri Cannon. Kerri was the team's best shot putter and broke the school record by throwing 30'.0".



GIRLS' TRACK

73 Keyser 54

136 Beall 43
Westmar 1

82 Northern 55

Area Meet
1 out of 10

Relay Invt
56 Keyser 36.5
Northern 4.5

WMIL
1 out of 6

100.5 Preston 63.5
University 10

Regionals
1 out of 8

States
4th out of 20+

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Won 50 Lost 3



Front row: Andrea Devens, Miranda Marple, Jennifer Pariseau, Christy Hoalcraft, Erika Durst, Toni Sullivan, Michele Teter, Elizabeth Paesani, Jennifer Grant, Sara Sincell, Keri Strubin

Row two: Lauren Newcomb, Amy Snyder, Kerri Cannon, Beth Maroney,

Hillary Garris, Katelyne McBee, Alison Rudy, Crystal Hinnant, Annie Neville, Alicia Sausman

Back row: Julie Caruso, Jody Bowser, Nikki Frazee, Tonya Friend, Natalie Carlson, Devon McClive, Tiffany Holtschneider, Lindsay Garris, Coach Louie Newcomb

IN MID FLIGHT IS Elizabeth Paesani. Liz did high jump numerous times.

B

OYS' TENNIS ENDS YEAR AT 11-1

many matches cold,
wet but the team still
came out on top with
'fun' main concern

By: Erin Wampler

The Boys' Tennis team did exceptionally well with a record of 11-1.

Many of the matches were cold and wet but the team still came out on top.

The main thing that kept them going was their ability to have as much fun as they could. Fun was what the whole team was about.

"I've been playing for three years and I feel the most confident this year," Allen Walker, senior, said. "Coby (Bolden) is also playing the same way. Coby and I had only one goal when we started to play and that was to have fun."

Letting tennis be fun instead of a chore must have really worked because the tennis team made it all the way to states.

Although for some, like sophomore Melvin Rexrode who said, "Shut up and play tennis," tennis was a very serious game.

Just as the Girls' Tennis team did, the Boys' Tennis team placed first in Bi-County singles. Brandon Ferguson was the Bi-County Champion.

The team placed second in Bi-County doubles. Melvin Rexrode and Chad Loretta were the runners up at Bi-County doubles.

The team then advanced on to Regionals where Brandon Ferguson placed third.

The doubles team of Melvin Rexrode and Chad Loretta placed fourth in Regionals.



Over all the team did very well in the regular season and in the tournaments.

"Tennis was a good experience for me as a freshman," Mike Pamepinto said. "I am definitely playing next year."

Only two players won't be returning next year because they graduated. Allen Walker and Coby Bolden will be greatly missed.



AFTER A THREE HOUR long match with doubles partner Meghan Mou, Mike Pamepinto leaves the court with a close loss to Fort Hill. The scores for that game were 7-6, 4-6 and 4-6. **USING HIS MIGHTY FOREHAND**, Coby Bolden returns the serve and ended the match in his favor. The scores were 6-2 and 6-1. **DURING A BI-COUNTY** doubles match, Allen Walker is serving to his Allegany Opponent. His served aced the other player.





AT BI-COUNTY SINGLES, Melvin Rexrode was able to give his opponent a tough match with his tremendous forehand. Melvin won this match and was also number three on the boys team.

BRANDON FERGUSON IS USING his almighty backhand to beat his opponent. As the number one player on the tennis team, he played against all the toughest players.



PRACTICING HIS FOREHAND, Jamie Durst warms up in case he has to play. Although he did not play, Jamie was well in tuned with the matches during the day.



BOYS' TENNIS

5	Hampshire	2
3	Keyser	4
6	Petersburg	1
7	Preston County	0
6	Allegany	1
5	Petersburg	2
5	Northern	2
5	Hampshire	2
7	Beall	0
6	Northern	1
5	Fort Hill	2
6	Fort Hill	1

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Won 11 Lost 1

Front row: Jamie Durst, Danny Riley, Chad Loretta, Todd Tasker, **Back row:** Melvin Rexrode, Brandon Ferguson, Allen Walker, Mike Pamepinto, Coby Bolden, Coach Mike Sloan

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EW COACH, PLAYERS, EXPECTATIONS

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awful with freezing
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with a score of 8-2'

By: Erin Wampler

A new coach and new expectations was what the tennis season was all about. There were also three new players.

"I think, considering we are in a building year, that we did exceptional as a team," Coach Cheryl Blackburn, a former Southern tennis player, said. "I was very impressed with the dedication and determination of the team."

The Girls' Tennis team made it all the way to States with the help of Meghan Dabney, Kim Rosenthal and Julie Eiswert.

Of course, the other players on the team helped also with their wins during the regular season.

"The best match I ever played was at Petersburg," Meghan Mou, sophomore, said. "The weather was awful with freezing rain and snow. Because I live in Garrett County, I had an advantage. I played well and won with a score of 8-2."

Meghan Dabney placed first in Bi-County singles, and went on to Regionals. Kim Rosenthal and Julie Eiswert placed second in Bi-County doubles and also went on to Regionals.

Southern and Beall tied for first place in the Western Maryland Interscholastic League.

At Regionals in Hagerstown, Meghan Dabney placed first and went on to States. Kim and Julie played doubles and placed second also going to States.

During States at Essex Community



College, Meghan had a strong showing, however, she lost in the first round.

Kim and Julie also played exceptionally well, however, their end result did not reflect their play. They too lost in round one.

Although the team did not win States they tried their hardest and still came out winning.

"Tennis has been a very fun and wonderful experience," Teri Halterman, senior, said. "The players were great and very different and the coach was great."

"The tennis team was like a big family," Erin McClive, sophomore, said. "We all got along great even when things were looking down."



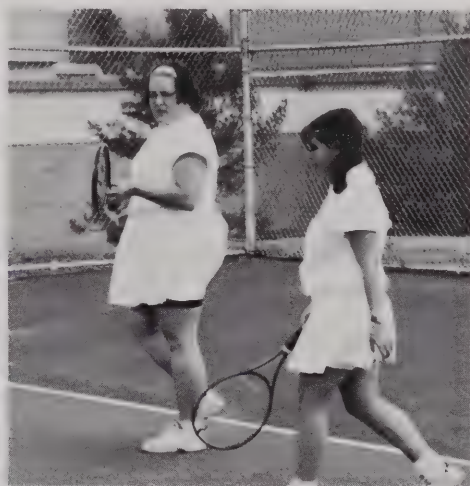
DON'T YOU JUST HATE IT when your fingers swell up and you can't get your rings off? Meghan Dabney asks Erin McClive for assistance in such a case. Some matches could be filled with these kinds of problems. **AT THE BI-COUNTY** Singles match, Kim Rosenthal returns the ball to her Allegany opponent with her killer forehand. Even though she lost, she played a great game. **FORT HILL IS THE OPPONENT** as Meghan Dabney warms up for her match. She won her match with a score of 10-2.





USING A POWERFUL backhand, Julie Eiswert returns the ball back to her opponent. Julie was number three on the girls team.

WARMING UP AS BEST they can considering the blustery weather, Teri Halterman and Abby Brown get ready for the Fort Hill match. Only three of Fort Hill's players showed up that day because half of them were on a school trip and some were sick or hurt.



WITH A BIG SMILE on her face, Kim Rosenthal comes off the court victorious. She played Fort Hill and won with a score of 10-2.



GIRLS' TENNIS

2	Hampshire	4
0	Keyser	7
5	Petersburg	2
4	Preston County	3
7	Allegany	0
5	Petersburg	2
3	Northern	4
2	Hampshire	3
3	Fort Hill	4
7	Fort Hill	0
7	Allegany	0
7	Beall	0

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Front row: Abby Brown, Teri Halterman, Meghan Mou **Back row:** Coach Cheryl Blackburn, Erin McClive, Kim Rosenthal, Erin Wampler, Meghan Dabney, Julie Eiswert



ALL THE WAY TO STATE FINALS

v. baseball ends 21-2; has
best record in history of
baseball; home winning
streak to 38 games



By: Stephen Goralski

"I knew we would be a good team, but I didn't know if we would make it through the playoffs," Joey DiSimone, senior, said.

The Rams wound up making it all the way to the state final game before losing.

"I was happy we got second in the state," Jimmy Burns, senior, said. "It would have been nice to win, but we did have a nice season."

The Rams ended the season with a 21-2 record. This team also had many other accomplishments.

They were Western Maryland Inter-scholastic League champions, Area champions and Region champions.

They had the best overall record in the state of Maryland and recorded the most wins ever by a Southern baseball team.

The Rams also continued the regular season home winning streak to 38 games.

"I think what made us good is that we were a good team all around," Jimmy Pamepinto, senior, said. "We had the best defense and had a great hitting team."

The Rams had seven starting players batting over .300, with Seth Tressler and Joey DiSimone leading the team with averages of .450 and .370.

Joel Upole lead the Rams pitching staff with a record of 7-2 and a 1.82 ERA.



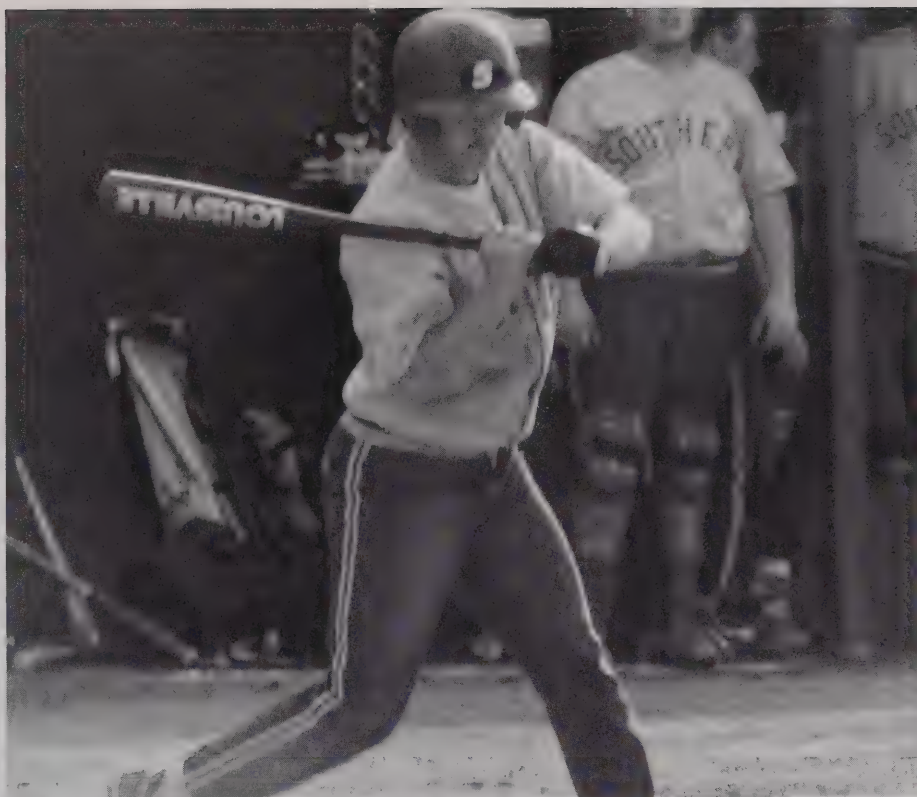
JASON SWEITZER BEATS the throw to the plate (above) for a run. "I think our team had the perfect balance of offense and defense to make an excellent team." **AFTER BEATING OUT** a throw to first base, Jason Sweitzer (left) is slowing down. Jason batted .367 with 27 walks. **"I HAD A LOT OF FUN** playing baseball," Jamie Bernard (below) said as he is waiting for the pitch to come in. "I think we had a great season."



VARSITY BASEBALL

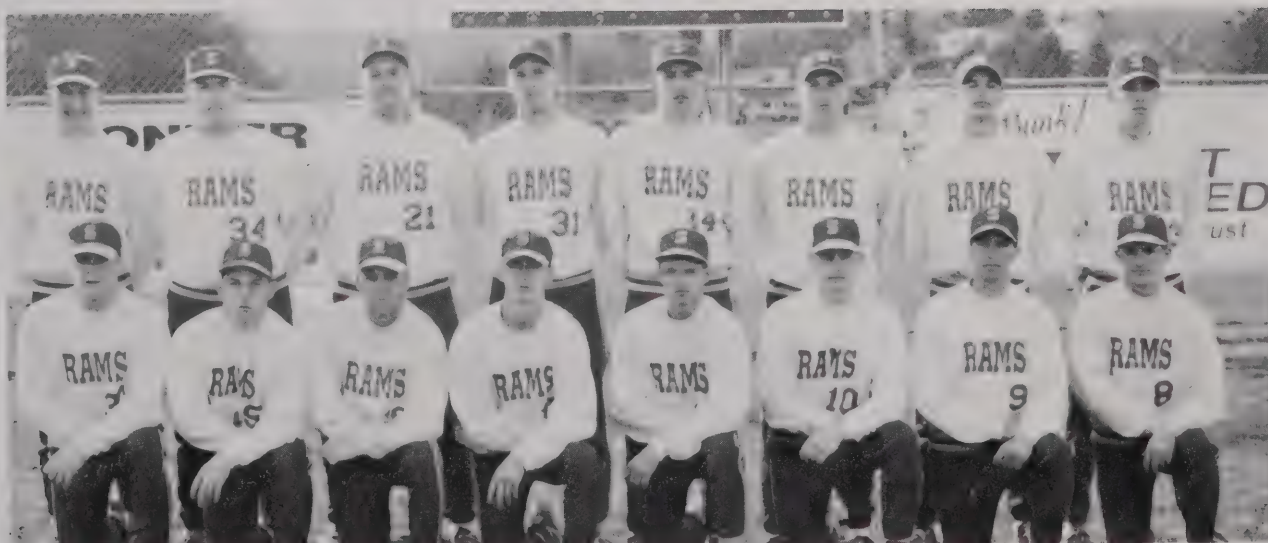
12	Fort Hill	0
14	Keyser	6
14	Beall	4
13	Tucker County	2
10	Williamsport	2
9	Hancock	1
7	Allegany	5
18	Preston	0
16	Preston	3
5	Fort Hill	0
11	Westmar	0
9	Northern	1
4	Allegany	3
5	Mt. Savage	2
1	Beall	0
5	Westmar	3
8	Hampshire	3
7	Northern	8
Playoff		
2	Clear Spring	1
17	Flintstone	1
7	Williamsport	5
6	Elkton	5
1	Brunswick	5

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Won 21 Lost 2



TRYING TO LAY OFF a pitch, Joey DiSimone holds his bat back. He was a Co MVP for the team.

BEST PITCHER Joel Uphold fires a pitch in to home plate. Joel had a record of 7-2 with a 1.82 ERA.



Front row: Aaron Newcomb, Joel Uphold, Jimmy Burns, Matt Paugh, Kris Upole, Jason Sweitzer, Scott Shahan, Joey DiSimone

Back row: Jerry Twig, Jamie Bernard, Seth Tressler, Matt Ruff, Biz Tasker, Stephen Goralski, Andy Woods, Jimmy Pamepinto

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TOUGHEST JV BASEBALL SEASON

*with final record of 13-2,
jv baseball defeats every-
one but fort hill; only two
1 run losses*

By: Mark Ludwig

With a record of 13-2, Coach Tom Bosley and his JV Baseball boys cruised to an excellent season playing their toughest JV season ever.

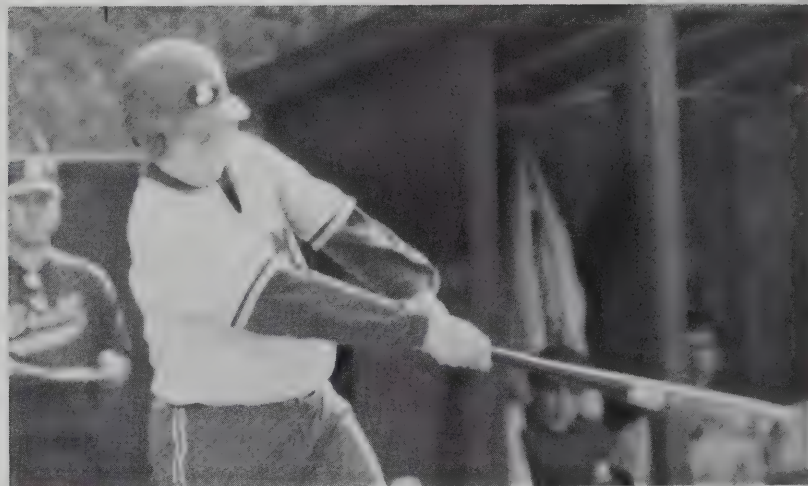
With a margin of victories that was beyond belief, the JV team beat every team they played except for two 1-run losses to Fort Hill.

The team's biggest win was against the rivals at Northern. The Huskies have always been enemies of the Rams, and Southern beat them with a crushing victory of 23-9.

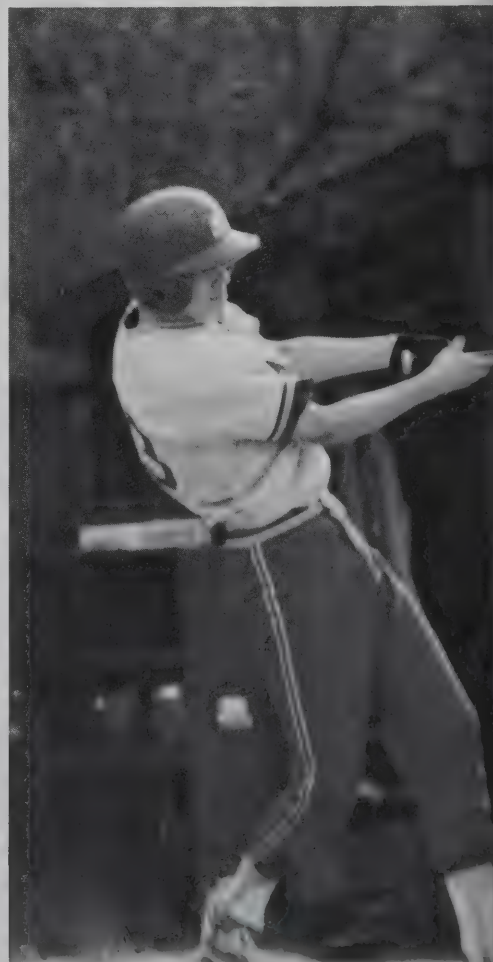
"We had a very satisfying season," Coach Tom Bosley said. "Our pitchers were good all year. This year we played our toughest JV schedule ever."

Receiving awards at the sports banquet were Chad Warnick MVP, Mike Bittinger Most Improved, Chris Bittinger Golden Glove, and Derek Everd Highest Batting Average.

"Our team played really well," Chris Bittinger said. "Our pitchers did great, and our batters did excellent. The record wasn't too different, but hopefully we will be undefeated next year."



JASON BERNARD TAKES A WHACK (above) at the ball being pitched to him. Jason played third base and just put it foul of the line. **"STRIKE THREE, YOU'RE OUT"** was the call of the umpire as Chris Bittinger (left) makes the final catch. Chris won the Golden Glove award at the sports banquet. **TAKING A FEW PRACTICE** cuts is Chris Bittinger. Chris did well batting for the team and playing catcher.





BEING A TWO-YEAR VETERAN, Chad Warnick is the star pitcher for the JV team. Chad also won an award at the sports banquet for MVP.



JV BASEBALL

16	Allegany	11
4	Allegany	1
1	Westmar	0
12	Westmar	1
20	Preston	8
14	Preston	3
7	Northern	0
23	Northern	9
6	Fort Hill	7
2	Fort Hill	3
6	Beall	1
21	Beall	1
11	Preston	1
12	Northern	2
12	Northern	1

THE RECORD BOOK
Won 13 Lost 2



Front Row: Derrick Nelson, Jessie Coddington, Jason Bernard, Keith Parks, Eric Rexrode, Justin Rinker, Nathan DiSimone **Back Row:** John Andrews, Chris Ewing, Billy Stoner, Mike Bittinger, Chad Warnick, Chris Bittinger, Derek Everd, Nick Glotfelty, Jason Weaver

THE UMPIRE IS RESETTING his counter as Chris Bittinger returns the ball to the pitcher. The Rams beat Beall both times that they played them.

RECORD BROKEN BY SOFTBALL

ends season with 16-1
record; best season in
school's history; loses to
Clear Spring in playoff

By: Ary Bosley

The Lady Rams Softball team had the best season in the history of the school.

The Varsity squad went 16-0 for regular season and lost the first playoff game against Clear Spring to end the season with a 16-1 record.

"This season was really good even though I spent most of it on the DL (injured list)," Shelley Winters, sophomore, said. "I still had fun when I was able to play and just watching the Varsity crush their opponents."

"The Varsity rocked," Rachel Shaffer, sophomore, said. "We killed everyone, and it really stunk when we lost to Clear Spring. It was a bad ending to a good season."

One of the best squads ever was led by Alisa Rugg who got the awards for MVP and Highest Batting Average in her senior year.

Rugg had a batting average of .531, hit four homeruns and was the number one pitcher for her three years at Southern. Alisa won 12 games for the Varsity team with 105 strike outs during the season.

Also coming through to help was Erin Shaffer, sophomore, who batted .490, hit one homerun, didn't strike out the whole season and got the Golden Glove award.

Senior Jenny Panther batted .406, had eight doubles, two triples and hit a grand slam. Jenny also played first base and scored 24 runs.

Nicole Bosley, senior, batted .310, scored 24 runs and got the Coach's Award for the season. Nicole played center field and also pitched four games, winning all four. Nicole had 15 strike outs, and allowed only 16 hits in all four games combined.

Ary Bosley, junior, batted .378, hit two homeruns and scored 24 runs for the season as a designated hitter and backup third baseman.

Junior Autumn Newcomb batted .341, scored 17 runs and had 15 hits. She played second base.

Senior Teresa Nelson batted .255, scored 18 runs and had 12 hits and played third base.

Brandi Stoner, junior, batted .233, scored 22 runs, had 14 hits and also didn't strike out during the season.

Erica Johnson, junior, although on the injured list some of the season, caught for the Varsity team and batted .300. Erica had six hits, scored 13 runs and struck out only once.

"It stunk that I couldn't play because of the Fort Hill game in which I got hurt. I loved catching when I wasn't on the DL," Erica said.

Also assisting the Varsity squad was senior Michelle Glotfelty who scored seven runs and batted .125.

Also, there was Sarah Murray who as a designated hitter batted .368, scored six runs and struck out only once.

There was also a JV squad. The JV girls played five complete and three partial games. They ended up with a record

DURING BATTING PRACTICE, Erin Shaffer warms up before a game. She hit one homerun and had a batting average of .490, and didn't strike out at all. **THE PLAY AT THIRD BASE** finds Teresa Nelson receiving the ball as Brandi Stoner runs to back up the tag. Teresa and Brandi got the runner out.



of 6-2. The JV girls played against the Bishop Walsh Varsity team and split the wins with them.

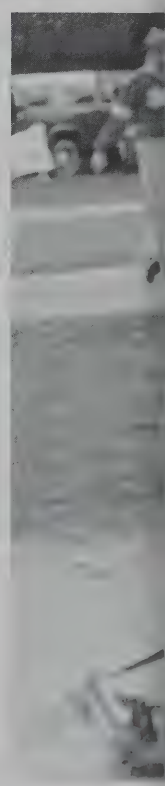
"Though they didn't play many games, they gained a lot of experience in practice and showed much improvement over the season," Coach Dave Bosley said.

The Varsity squad clenched the Western Maryland Interscholastic League title. This was the first year the Rams were in the WMIL.

The Lady Rams burned their opponents with a 16-1 record, setting the record for the most wins in the history of the school.

"With the new WMIL, we didn't have much competition in the regular season," Carrie Filsinger, sophomore, said. "Going 16-1 was great, and we won the WMIL softball championship!"

WAITING ON THE BALL to make a play at first is Jenny Panther. She played first base for Varsity and hit a grand slam.





ABOUT TO PITCH, Alisa Rugg presents the ball to the opposing Northern batter. Autumn Newcomb stands ready at second to make a possible play. The Lady Rams defeated the Huskies for the second time by a score of 4-3.

AS THE ON-DECK BATTER, Brandi Stoner takes a few swings. She was one of the two people who didn't strike out all season.



SOFTBALL

27	Flintstone	2
16	Westmar	3
9	Northern	3
12	Fort Hill	0
18	Salisbury	4
18	Mt. Savage	8
21	Westmar	4
10	Beall	5
16	Allegany	4
14	Meyersdale	0
7	Preston	3
16	Meyersdale	1
11	Flintstone	1
12	Fort Hill	6
15	Allegany	1
4	Northern	3
3	Clear Spring	6

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CATCHER ERICA

JOHNSON

WINGS the ball to first base to try to get a stealing runner out. Even though Erica was on the injured list for a few games, she still had a batting average of .300.



Kneeling: Coriell Lewis, Courtney Tressler, Kristina Hardesty, B.J. Reese, Rachel Shaffer, Carrie Filsinger, Shelley Winters, Erica Tinsley, Marni Sweitzer **Front row:** Sharon Compitello, Ashley Reese, Missy Simmons, Erin Shaffer, Autumn Newcomb, Teresa Nelson, Erica Johnson, Erica Johnson, Michelle Glotfelty, Ary

Bosley, Donnelle Dick **Back row:** Michelle McCartney, Allison White, Shannon Spurrier, Brandi Stoner, Jenny Panther, Sarah Murray, Naomi Stoner, Alisa Rugg, Nicole Bosley, Laura Friend, Head Coach Dave Bosley

Constant activity by the students as they look to colleges, field trips and a job

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any juniors and seniors found it almost necessary to get a job. **C**ars and insurance and college money were becoming more and more of a necessity. **W**ith the school constantly hosting college representatives, students were realizing there was life after high school. **T**he Freshmen took a trip to Annapolis and the juniors went to GCC for a career expo where a variety of career choices were available to learn more about. **A**ssemblies were held for grades 9-11 about community service. It seemed that there was a difficulty getting people to complete the required amount of hours. **S**eniors noticed that their last year in high school was moving too quickly. They realized that having their parents around was coming to an end. **M**ajor responsibility was settling in. Some friends realized college could separate them and those people were hoping that the end of the year would not mean separation. **S**tudents came to the conclusion that they were growing up and all that their parents had told them, really meant something and it would help them in their lives.

By: Elizabeth Sines

Josh Elmlinger, Beth Moon, Sarah Fike and Danny Skipper walk to class between the bells. Some students thought that five minutes between classes wasn't enough, but these students didn't seem to be in a hurry. "I think there is enough time between classes," Sarah said. "I have classes on opposite sides of the hall and I have time to get there and stop at my locker."



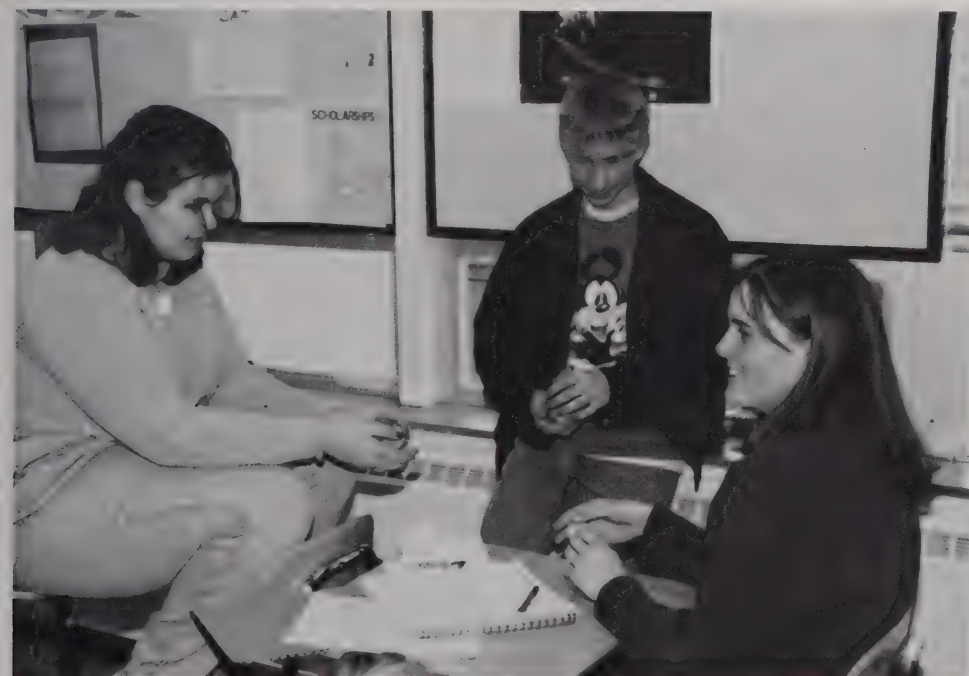


A common hobby among high school students is *hacking*. John Laverdure, Danny Schroyer, Randy Kitzmiller and Johann Lynge share their common interest after school. "Hacking is a lot of fun," Randy said. "By hacking, you're pulled to establish hand-foot coordination."

After school, Catherine Dixon and Danny Schroyer are having a heated conversation. "Our bus is really late, so we use our time to socialize and argue," Catherine said.



When students have free time in class, they can choose many things to do. For example, students Asya Stimak, Jimmy Brown and Erin Wampler play with FLOAM. Some students chose to do homework or study for tests while others chose to rest or read for pleasure.



Little Time

Seniors' year passes quickly –

By: Christy DeWitt

So many colleges, so little time. How did a senior choose the best one for him or her?

Kristina Armstrong said she looked at colleges and "their expenses and classes it offers."

After all, it was not like the college you attended had any effect on what kind of job you got, where you'll live, what friends you'll meet, even who you may marry.

So, there was no pressure there.

Right?

"My present job helped me decide," Kim Armstrong said. "I work at the nursing home and now I'm going to nursing school."

With 3,000 institutions of higher learning in the nation, choosing a college seemed more than a little overwhelming for high school students.

Because of this, it was easy for students to put off making a decision or to choose a convenient solution – such as the college where their brother, sister, mom or dad went or the university where all their friends were going – without asking themselves, "What do I really want out of a college?"

Many students agreed that there was too much pressure in choosing a college, and not

enough time

While it was not necessary that a high school student know what career they wanted to pursue, it was important they have thought about what interests and priorities they had – both in and out of the classroom.

Did you want a school close to home or far away? Some students did want to stay in this area.

"I'm going to miss the convenience," Kim Armstrong said. "I'm still going to live in Garrett County. I love it here."

Did you want to go to a big school or a small school?

Did you want your college to be located in a more rural or urban area?

One way to answer some of these questions was to start visiting colleges – any colleges – at the beginning of your junior year.

Even with all of this planning, students still had close ties to the area.

"I'm going to miss the good times," Christina Armstrong said. "I'm going to stay here. Everyone I want to be with is here."

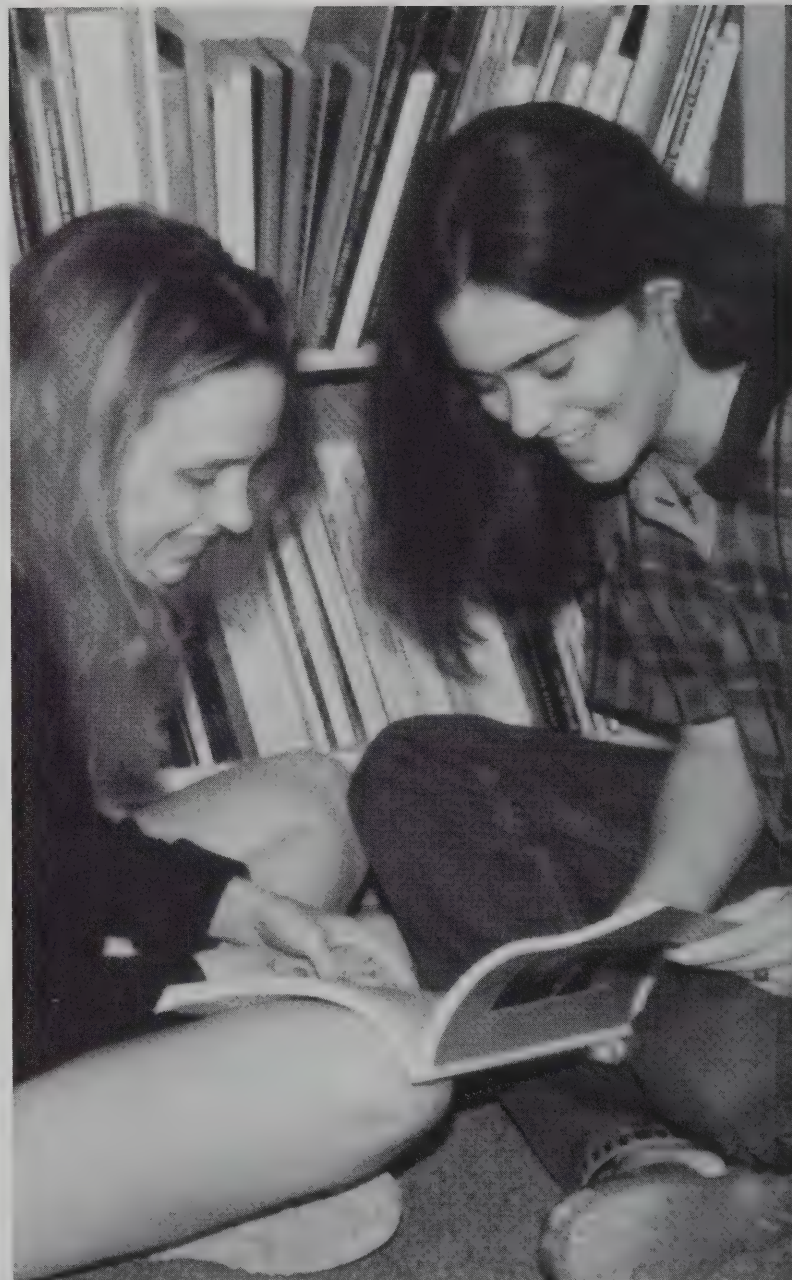
"Choosing a good college is overwhelming! I never realized how much work is involved," Jackie Kimble said as she and Bridget Nolan look over a college catalog. "It's a big step," Bridget said. "It will be hard to leave my friends, but I can't wait to get out."

An outstanding lineman for Ram football, Justin Steyer plans to continue his athletic and academic career at Potomac State College in Keyser. Pictured with Justin are his parents, Larry and Annie (seated) and Asst. Coach Jay Steyer, Principal Arthur Refosco and Coach Tom Woods.

"As a senior, I feel that the year went by pretty fast. It seems like it should be February instead of May. But, I'm glad it's almost over!"



Angel Leishear





Ryan Anderson

Kevin Max Andrews

Soccer 10-12, Cross Country 10-12, Wrestling 9-11, Track 12, Baseball 9-11, Football 9, National Honors Society 11 & 12, VICA 11 & 12

Michael Anthony Annarelli

Kimberly Lynn Armstrong

Christian Club 9-11, Chorus 9, Improv Theatre 12, Historical Society 11

Kristina Rae Armstrong

Christian Club 9, Who's Who 11, Student of the Month 9 & 10

Ann-Marie Ashby

Journalism 12, Softball 9 & 10, Track 11, Cheerleading 9-12, Student Council Representative 10, Secretary 11, Vice President 12

Robert Aspinall

Kelly Avona

Charles Baker

Melissa Bateman

Megan Lee Battista

Marching Band 9-12, Concert Band 9-12, Stage Band 9-12, School Play 11 & 12, National Honor Society 11 & 12; President, Science Club 9

Kara Leigh Baumann

VICA 12

Jason Beachy

Michael John Beachy

FFA 9-12

Wendi Dail Beckman

Jamie Alexander Bernard

Baseball 9-12, VICA Vice President 11 & 12, Golf 10-12, National Honor Society 11 & 12

Denver Bittinger

Zendil Bittinger

Cobenn W. Bolden

Tennis 9-12, VICA 10-12, Class Leaders 11

Jamie Darrell Bolyard

VICA 11 & 12, FFA 9-12, Masonry 11 & 12

Good Jobs

'I can't imagine getting up early and getting the kids ready'

By: Laura Reams

As the high school career came to an end, many started to think about what the future held for them.

Many went to the guidance office in search of an answer to this puzzling question.

"I went to the guidance office to get applications for college," Danny Nelson said. "This helped me to decide that I'm going to PTI (Pittsburgh Technical Institute)."

Many students today were hoping to have a high school diploma and a college degree. "I hope to get my degrees so I can get a well paying job," Jerry Twigg said.

Students were dreading the thought of waking up in the morning putting on makeup, shaving, getting the kids up and fixing breakfast.

"I can't imagine getting up early and getting the kids ready," Laura Livengood said. "Even now I don't have enough time for myself."

Two Auto Mechanics students, Royce Moreland and Greg Elliott, look over a car donated by General Motors Corporation, a 1996 Grand Am SE, after the flood in the Cumberland area. "After graduation, I plan to attend an auto mechanics/auto body vocational school," Royce said. "After that school, I'd like to work around here. I now work at Automotive Machine after school."

Today women have been going out and getting jobs instead of staying home and taking care of the kids full time.

Some men were also choosing to stay home to take care of the kids instead of working. A lot of seniors were saying why think of what I'm going to do in the future when I don't even know what I'm doing tomorrow?

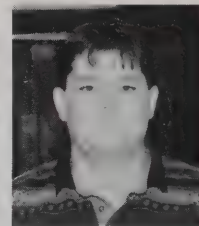
"I don't really want to think about what I'll be doing because I don't even know what I'm doing tonight," Paula Dove said.

On the other hand, there were some seniors who made plans for their future.

"I'm going to be a dental hygienist, married to my boyfriend Jason, have one kid and a big old house in the hills, Beverly Hills that is!" Beth Maroney said.

Jason McCroskey welds one of his many projects. "The Machine Tool program and a bright teacher has gotten me interested in a trade that is very possible to be my future. But most of the credit will have to go to Mr. (Delbert) Liller, the teacher of the program, for pressuring us to do our work good."

"I have been in Drafting since my 9th grade year. It has been quite an experience over the years. I plan on going on in the field at West Virginia Institute of Technology."



Andy Teter





Nicole Lyn Bosley

Softball 9-12, Ecology Club 10, Ecology Club Treasurer 11, Ecology Club Vice President 12, National Honor Society 11 & 12, Boys Basketball Statistician 10-12, Basketball 9, MD. Girls State 12, Junior Science & Humanities Symposium

Cecilia Yvonne Brown

VICA 11-12

Kista Vonne Brown

Basketball 9

James Ross Burns

Baseball 9-12, Soccer 11 & 12, Journalism 12

Patrick Callis

Julie Marie Caruso

Student Government Treasurer 9 & 10, Student Council Representative 9-11, Student Council Parliamentarian 12, Track 11 & 12, Cross Country 10-12, Welcome Committee 11, Chairman 11, Tennis 9 & 10

Courtney Cole

Daniel Compitello

Jennifer Kay Corby

FBLA 11 & 12, Fund-raiser Chairperson 11

Christian McBee Coviello

VICA 11 & 12, Treasurer 12, Quiz Bowl 11 & 12, Soccer 10-12, Co Captain 12, Basketball 9 & 10, National Honor Society 11 & 12

Veronica Cross

Kimberly Lee Crossland

FBLA 11 & 12, Historian 11, Fund-raiser Chairperson 12

Nicole Croston

Kenneth Cummings

Ginger Davis

Jamie DeBerry

FFA 9-12

Christy Noel Decker

Christian Club 9-12

Andrea Cassell Devens

Track 9-12, Cross Country 9-12, Senior Class Secretary, Student Council Representative 11, VICA Opening and Closing Team 12

Amy Dawn Dick

Tisha Dawn Diehl

Foods 10-12, Chorus 11

Cooked Meals

'I'll miss my parents being there for me whenever I need something'

By: Christy DeWitt

What were you going to do when there wasn't any of mom's home cooked meals, and you had to eat fast food or, oh no, picture this, cooking for yourself?

How about when something broke and dad was not around to fix it?

What about when you needed to borrow money off of mom and dad to go out on the weekends or any of the other many expenses you'll have?

These were just a few of the basic downfalls of leaving home.

Although there were a lot of advantages and good things

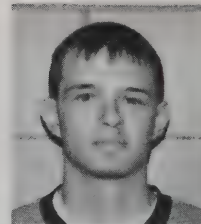
about leaving home, like when you could stay out all night partying and not have to answer to anyone when you come home early the next morning.

Even though you could do what you wanted, you'll always get that feeling of home sickness.

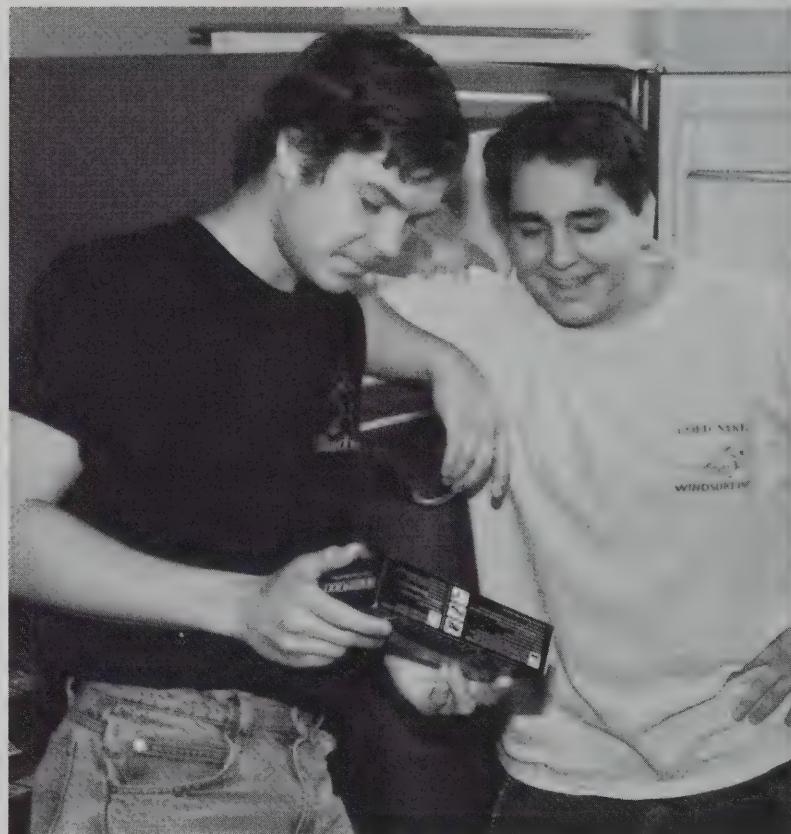
"When I get out of school, I'm planning on moving to Tennessee," Mike Friend said. "I'll probably miss being away from home because I'll miss my parents being there for me whenever I need something."

Most people said that their parents would be the thing they would miss the most about leaving home, but then again they wouldn't miss them telling them what to do.

"I'll miss dad and mom's home cooking because it's usually pretty darn good, but I suppose I can eat at McDonald's, Pizza Hut and El Lobo's great pizza!"



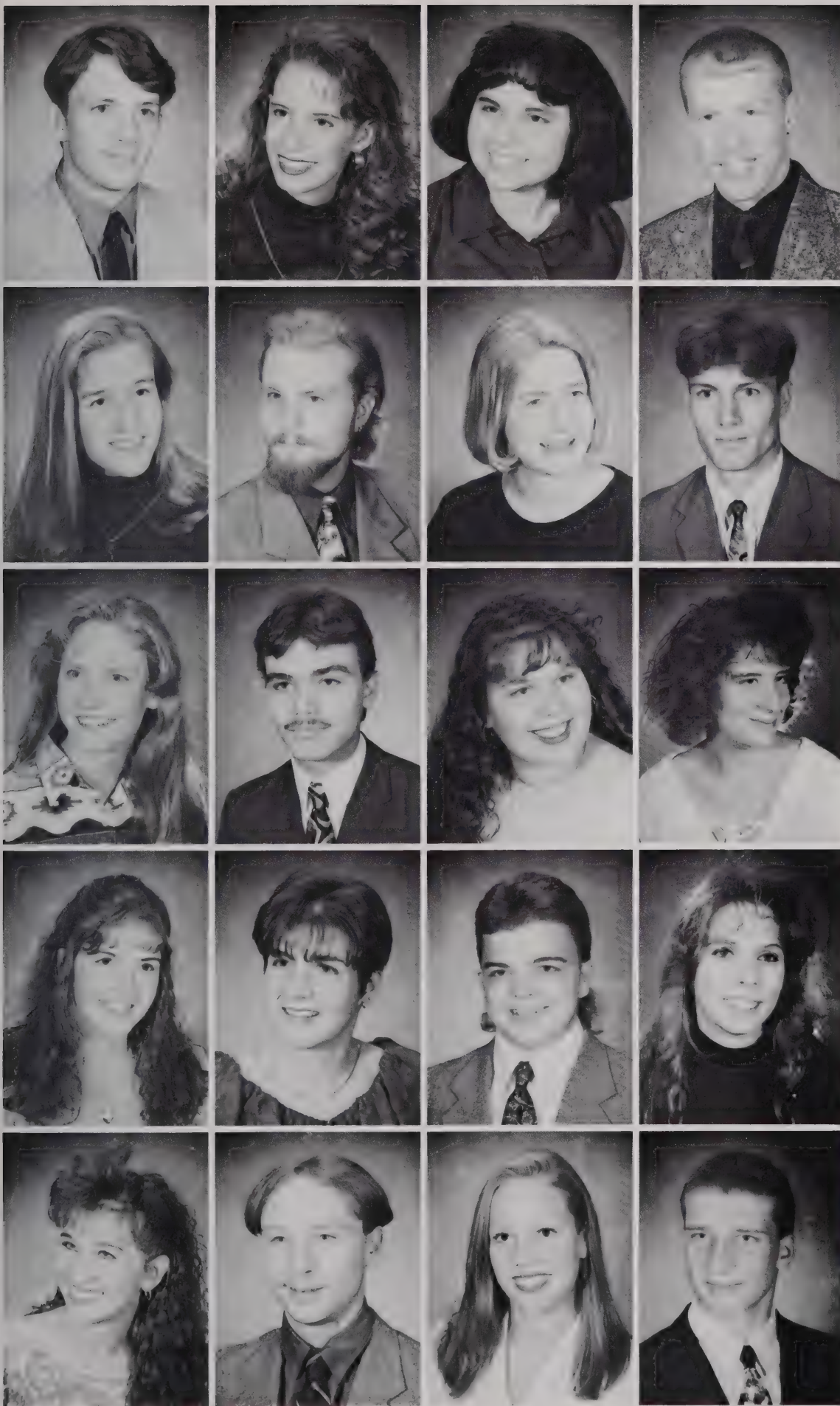
Kris Upole



With the freezer door wide open, Jason Wood and Ryan Anderson look at the frozen dinner to decide what's for dinner tonight. "When I leave the homefront, all I need is a microwave," Jason said.

Preparing for next year when most seniors are on their own, Misty Reckart shows Tim Upton how to heat soup. "Don't worry Tim, we'll make it. I've eaten Chicken Noodle Soup for every meal since I've learned to cook," Misty said.





Joseph Anthony DiSimone
Baseball 9-12, Basketball 9-11, Soccer 10-12

Victoria Jean Donham
Cheerleading 9-12, Captain 12, Minds In Motion 9-11, Winterball Court 12, Winterball Homecoming Court 12, Spirit Club 9-12

Paula Sue Dove
Colorguard 9

David Duckett

Erika Marie Durst
Track 10-12, Cross Country 11 & 12, Cheerleading 9-12, Junior Class Leaders 11; Decoration Chairperson, National Honor Society 11 & 12; Historian, Girl's State 11, VICA Opening and Closing President 12, Spirit Club 9, 10 & 12

Jason Durst

Julie Eiswert

Gregg Elliott

Lori Lynn Evans
National Honor Society 11&12, Volleyball 9-12

Robert Fletcher
Michelle Flores
Mock Trial 9, Foreign Language Newspaper 9, Color Guard 10, Winter Guard 10, Concert Band 10, Jr. Class Leader 11, Track 11, FBLA Sec 12, Spanish Club Pres 12

Rhonda Rebecca Ford

Annette Lilja Friend
Marching Band 9, Concert Band 9 & 10, Section Leader 10, Cheerleading 10, Christian Club Vice President 11, FBLA 12, Chorus 11

Emily Friend

Michael Friend

Angelina Maria Fuentes
Colorguard 10, Chorus 9&10

Deborah Sue Fulmer
Journalism 10-12, Band Manager 10 & 12, Student of the Month for English 11

Brian Gank

Hillary Grey Garris
Cheerleading 9-12, Tennis 9 & 10, Track 11 & 12, Student Council 9-12, Representative, Treasurer, & President, Class Officer 9-11, President, National Honor Society 11 & 12

Benjamin Getson

Senior Week

Our parents 'hooked us up with a hotel room at the beach in North Carolina for a week, as a graduation present...'

By: Beth Maroney

There was one week in every senior's high school career that was the most exciting week.

It marked the point of freedom and for friends to get together and have one more final blast before stepping toward adulthood.

Some liked to make it a rustic week. "I'm going camping and hanging out with my best friends," Chad Maroney said.

Others could be found

headed for the beach.

"I don't really know what I'm doing, but I do know I'm going to the beach with a bunch of my friends," Jessica Murray said.

Others agreed. "My parents and Beth Rumer's parents hooked us up with a hotel room at the beach in North Carolina for a week, as a graduation present," DeAnna Murphy said. "So it looks like we're hitting the beach."

Seniors clown around and pose for pictures following the graduation ceremony.

"Being a senior meant being able to have more freedom choosing classes, such as masonry and other vocational classes for a three hour block."



Jamie DeBerry

"I'm going to fly around the world in a hot air balloon on senior week," Michelle Glotfelty jokingly said. "That will be an adventure."

A very popular place for seniors was to go to Ocean City. They had T-shirts that said "Senior week of '96" everywhere on the board walk.

Some only had a general idea of what they wanted to do on senior week.

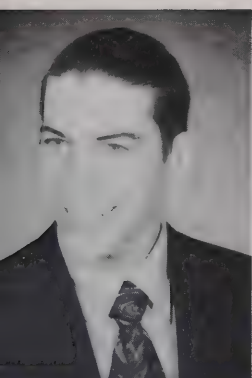
"I think I might actually sleep in for once," Jennifer Harvey said.

Others had no out of town plans at all.

"I think I'll just home and party the whole week," Erica Durst said.



Seniors show their happiness at the end of the graduation ceremonies by throwing their hats into the air.

**Joel Thomas Getty**

Soccer 11 & 12, Track 12, Honor Society 11 & 12, Concert Band 9 & 10, Marching Band 9 & 10

Todd Robert Gibson

Cross Country 10-12, Track 9-12, Marching Band 10-12, Jazz Band 9-12, Football 9, Student Council Representative 11, National Honor Society 11 & 12, VICA 11 & 12

Dawn Glotfelty**Matthew Wayne Glotfelty**

Football 9-12, Track 12

**Michelle Lea Glotfelty**

Softball 10-12, FBLA 11

Stephen David Goralski

Baseball 9-12, Soccer 10-12

Sarah Maria Grubb

VICA 11 & 12

Melita Lynne Halterman

Volleyball 9 & 10, Tennis 10-12, FBLA 11

**Teri Ann Halterman**

Colorguard 9, 11 & 12, Band Council 12, Tennis 11 & 12, Junior Class Leader 11, EMS Club 12, Spanish Club Secretary 12, FFA 9, Student Council Representative 12, Alternate Mascot 10, Honor Guard Captain 11 & 12

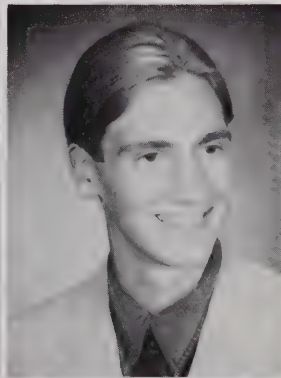
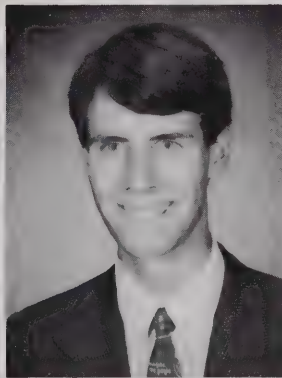
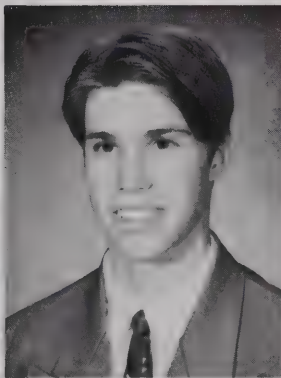
Jason Andrew Hamrick

Student Council Representative 12, Basketball 10-12, Who's Who Among High School

Students, 10 & 12

Cody Hardesty**Jennifer Lynn Harvey**

National Honor Society 11, Secretary/Treasurer 12, Office Aide 12, Who's Who 9-12

**Terry K. Hebb**

FFA 9-12, Automotive Mechanics 11 & 12, Electronics 11

Todd Nicholas Howard

Cross Country 9-12, Track 9-12, National Honor Society 11 & 12, Prom Committee 11, Boys State 11, Delegate, Committee Chairperson, City Councilman

Jason Alan Huber

German Exchange Student and Host 9 & 12, School Play 10-12, Track 12, Mock Trial 11

Jamie Jacoby**Nikolas Patrick James**

VICA 11 & 12; Secretary 12, Track 12, National Honor Society 12

Amy Janes**Chasity Lynn Kent**

Cheerleader 11, FBLA Vice President 12, Spirit Club 11, Who's Who 9-11, Minds In Motion 11, Band Manager 9, Science Club Treasurer 9

Jack Alfred Kight

Football 9 & 11, Wrestling 10-12

Pay for Diapers

'It is very difficult being 17 and the mother of a two and a half year old. I have no extra time...'

By: Sharon Ringer

While most seniors were making plans for college, some were worrying about how they were going to pay for next week's diapers.

"I never thought about going to college until I got pregnant," Erica Summerfield said. "I need to think about my baby's future. I think I need to go to college so I can get a good paying job, and raise my baby right."

Many pregnant seniors agreed that they were going to give their baby the best they could.

"It is very difficult being 17 and the mother of a two and a half year old," Randee Mitchum said. "I have no extra time, but the time I spend with her makes it worth it. I wouldn't change it for the

world."

Most of these young ladies agreed that being pregnant or having a kid was the best thing that ever happened to them.

Some of these pregnancies were planned, while most were accidental.

"Accidents happen, but you've got to make the best of it," Mitchum said.

Many of the seniors said they definitely were not ready for a child.

"I'm glad I don't have a child. I'm not ready to have that responsibility," Laura Livengood said. "I had to carry a bag of flour around for a week (Flower Baby project) and I couldn't even take care of that."

Showing how big her stomach is getting, Erica Summerfield pulls her shirt back. Erica's baby was due on September 21.

While Todd Howard tickles its chin, Beth Maroney holds her flour baby tightly. Many seniors who participated in this activity said they were glad they had this experience, with a bag of flour and not a real baby.

"Raising a child as a teenager is the hardest thing I have ever had to do. It is also the most rewarding. I love my son very much, but I wish I would have waited until I was more prepared."



Ginger Gank





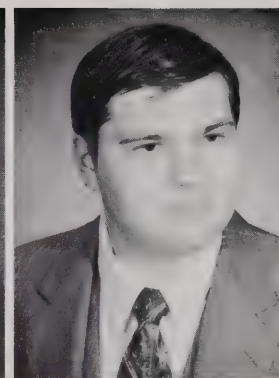
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National Honor Society 11 & 12



William Kimble



Arlinda King



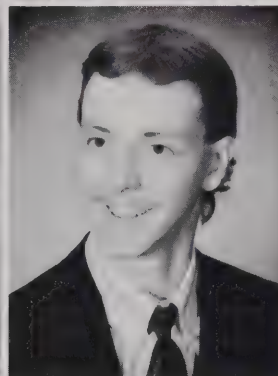
Shawn Kitzmiller



Frank Joseph Kratoofil
Track 11 & 12, Football 9, Golf 10-12, Honor Society 11 & 12



Angel Marie Leishear
FBLA 10, Prom Committee 11, Spanish Club 12



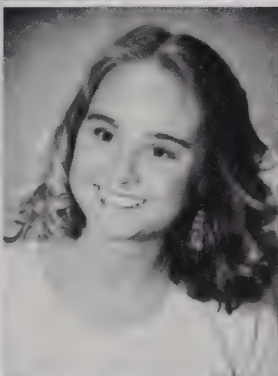
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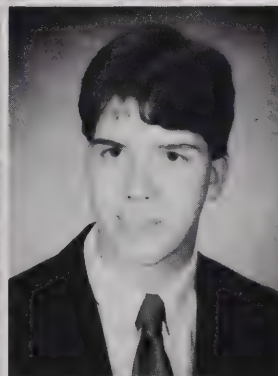
Laura Beth Livengood
Ecology Club Secretary 12, Journalism 11 & 12



Sonya Ann Lloyd



Erin Elizabeth Long
National Honor Society 11 & 12, Ecology Club 10-12, President 11 & 12, Journalism 11



David Aaron Lucas
National Honor Society 11 & 12, VICA 12



Beth Ann Maroney
Cheerleading 11 & 12, Track and Field 11, Journalism 12, Spirit Club 12



Chad Alan Maroney
Track 11 & 12, Office Aid 12



Miranda Marple
Basketball 9-12, Girls' Track and Field 9-12



Alan Mason



Wayne Clark Mayfield
Band 9, FFA 10-12, Secretary 11, Vice President 12, Who's Who Among High School Students 11



Donald Mayle



Nathan Drew McBee
Country 10-12, Co Captain 11 & 12, Student Government 12, Treasurer 12, Basketball 9-11, VICA 12, Football 9, Junior Class Leader



Billy McCartney



Patricia McGee

Younger Dating

'I don't see where it's different; it doesn't matter what grade the person is in, or how old they are, it's how they act'

By: Deni Lynn Shaffer

There were several seniors dating underclassmen. Was there any difference dating a student in grades 9, 10, or 11 than another senior?

"I think dating underclassmen is nothing more than dating another senior," Biz Tasker said. "There's a big gap between Randi (Carpenter) and I, but I still like being with her."

Even if your boyfriend or girlfriend was a little younger than you, seniors still had a fun year with them.

"Donnelle (Dick) was the highlight of my senior year," Jerry Twigg, said.

Many underclassmen acted

older than what they really were. Attitude could mean a lot in a relationship.

"I don't see where it's different," Kara Baumann said. "It doesn't matter what grade the person is in, or how old they are, it's how they act."

Some seniors dated underclassmen for awhile now. They didn't even think of them being younger, or in grades lower than them. It made no difference.

"I really don't think about it," Jimmy Pamepinto said. "It's no

You could usually find Jenny Panther and Derek Everd in the hallway before classes. "I don't think the age difference really matters; these have been the best four months of my life even though I'm a year older than he is," Jenny said.

Working on their art project, Alison Rudy and Jason Sweitzer concentrate on what they're doing. "It was really weird having a class with my boyfriend, but then I got used to it and it was a lot of fun," Alison said.

"I think it's good to date an underclassman because you get to meet other underclassmen."



Justin Steyer

different than dating an upperclassmen. It'll be different next year when I'm in college and Lauren (Newcomb) will be a senior. Other than that, it's pretty cool."

Colleges could become a scary situation when it came to relationships. Lots of questions and decisions had to be solved.

"During my senior year, it was fun dating Kerri (Cannon)," Danny Nelson said. "But since I'm leaving for college in July, I don't know if our relationship will last."

You might not know what was going to happen to your relationship after school. Only your heart and mind could answer that.





Joshua McLaughlin

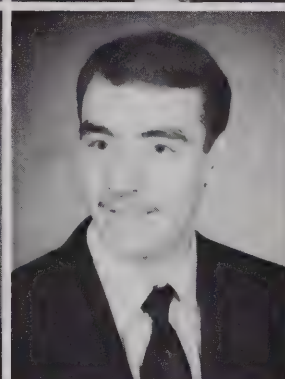
Carla Miller

Mock Trial 9, Colorguard 9, Mascot 10, Tennis 11 & 12, Prom Comm 11, SGA Freshman Rep 12, ECAP Student 12, Minds In Motion 10, Who's Who 9-11, Miss MD T.E.E.N. Pageant 10

Kelly Milligan

Royce Brandon Moreland

Donkey Rider 11 & 12, FFA 9-12, Auto Mechanics 10-12, Machine Tool 11 & 12



Danny Murphy

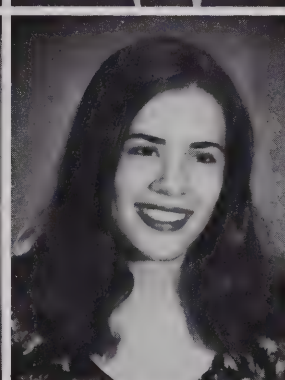
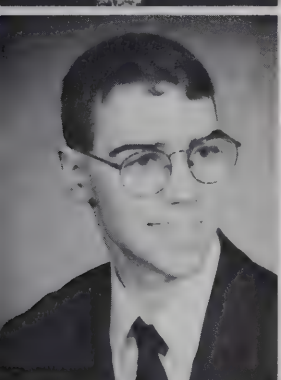
DeAnna Murphy

Journalism 10-12, 11 Co-Editor, 12 Acorn Editor-N-Chief, Editor Monthly Newsletter

Ronald Murphy

Jessica Dawn Murray

Cheerleading 9-12, Spirit Club 9-11, Student Council Rep 12, Welcoming Committee 12



Daniel Eugene Nelson Jr.

Soccer 10-12, Track 11 & 12, VICA 12

Teresa Lynn Nelson

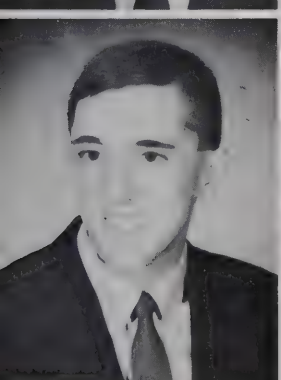
Student Council 9-11, V P (Freshman Class) Concert Band 9, Spirit Club 9-12, Cheerleading 9-12, Softball 9-12, Welcome Comm 9-11, Homecoming Court 9-11, Bloodmobile Comm 9 & 10, Homecoming Comm 9-12

Bridget Best Nolan

Marching Band 9-12, Concert Band 9-12, School Play 11 & 12, Cheerleading 10, Winterguard 10 & 11, Winter Percussion 12, Honor Band 9, Band Council 11

Bryan Tucker O'Connell

Football 9-12, Baseball 9-11, Track 12, VICA 11, Machine Tool 10-12, Stage Band Manager 10-12



James Pamepinto

Jennifer Lynn Panther

Softball 9-12, Co-Captain 12, Volleyball 9-12, Captain 10 & 12, National Honor Society 11 & 12, Student Council 9 & 10, VICA 12, Opening and Closing Team

Jennifer Lynn Pariseau

Track and Field 9, 11-12, Cross Country 9-12, Christian Club 9 & 10, Secretary 10, National Honor Society 11 & 12

Jesse Patton



Laura Reams

John Reams

John Richard

Rebecca Anne Riley

Foods 10-12, VICA 12, Photography 12, Concert Band 9

Money, Money

'I thought the packages were really expensive, considering most of it was paper'

By: Sharon Ringer and Deni Lynn Shaffer

Money, money, money, where did it all go?

By the time most seniors paid for everything they needed, they were broke.

"You have to pay out the rear for everything," Jeremy Duckett said.

Senior pictures, graduation announcements and the prom were just a couple of things that seniors had to dish money out for.

The senior trip cost \$56. Seniors had to put a \$20 down payment, however, they could participate in fund-raisers to earn the remaining \$36.

"I thought the senior trip was very cheap, considering we rode charter buses, and stayed in an ocean front hotel," Krystal Sharpless said.

The package for the cap, gown and announcements cost between \$50 and \$200, depending on which package a senior wanted.

"I thought the packages were

really expensive, considering most of it was paper. I only spent about \$120 for my package," Audrey Sweitzer said.

At Ruhl Studios, senior pictures cost \$180 and up. "I thought the cost for senior pictures at Ruhl Studios was very reasonable, but I got the basic package which was \$180 so I never had to pay any extra," Laura Livengood said.

Some seniors said the expenses weren't that bad as long as they didn't go overboard.

"Coming up with the money wasn't that hard, because my parents paid for everything," Charlie Miller said.

Many seniors said becoming a senior was a nightmare, because of all the money that was wrapped up into being one.

"Being a senior is too expensive. Don't become one!" Vicki Donham said.

Dawn Glotfelty tries to choose which prom gown she likes best from the school store. Although Dawn did not purchase her dress from the store, students could take their old dresses and sell them or buy them there.

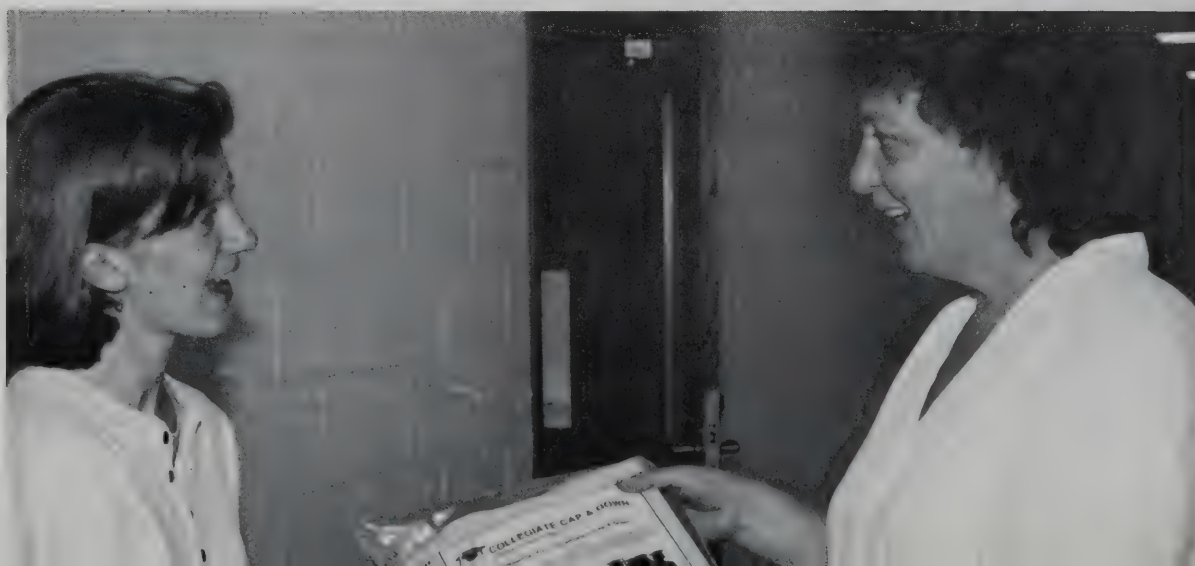
"Senior year is very expensive. One has to pay for pictures, yearbooks, announcements and a senior trip. There are also many hidden expenses; but, hey, it's definitely worth it. I guess."



Christian Coviello



Receiving her cap and gown from Mrs. Mary Ann Shipe, Nicole Bosley gladly accepts. Seniors seemed to have a spark in their eye when they received their cap and gown.





Donald Ringer

Rachel Marie Robinette

Track 9-12, Cross Country 9-12, SADD 10 & 11, Key Club 10, French Club 10 & 12, French Honorary 11 & 12

Jeremiah Christopher Rohrbaugh

Football 9-12, VICA 10-12

Alisa Rugg

Beth Ann Rumer

Mandy Lynn Rush

Cheerleading 10-12, Senior Class President, Junior Class Secretary, Student Council Representative 11

Travis Sams

William Savage

Dale Lee Schoch Jr.

Football 12, Track 12, VICA 11 & 12

Michael Secrist

Angela Jean Shafer

Basketball 9-12, National Honor Society 11 & 12

Amanda Lynne Shaffer

Marching Band 9-12, Concert Band 9-12, Garrett County Honor Band 9-12, Student of the Month for English 12, Honor Roll 11 & 12

Bryan Shaffer

Scott Thomas Shahan

Basketball 9-12, Baseball 9-12

Krystal Mae Sharpless

Journalism 12, Concert Band 9, Chorus 11 & 12, Ecology Club Historian 12, Band Manager 10, Who's Who 11 & 12, Spirit Club 10 & 11

David Shillingburg

Jennifer Shillingburg

Steven Shreve

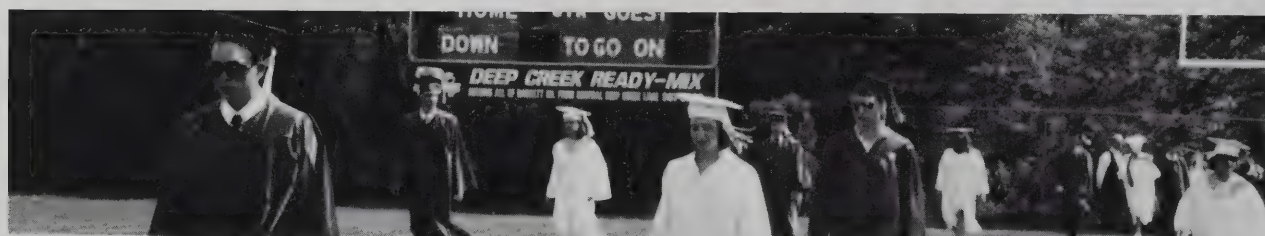
Daniel Skipper

Melissa Dawn Smith

VICA Reporter 11 & 12, Foods 10-12

The Beginning

Seniors sit through a beautiful Sunday afternoon to be recognized for their achievements



The end came on a warm, sunny and somewhat breezy June 2 day. One hundred ninety-six seniors, quite a few more boys than girls, marched across the athletic field and then sat for the 4 p.m. ceremony. After a delay due to a malfunctioning PA system, the ceremonies began.

Elizabeth Sue Spiker

Basketball 9

Rebekah Renae Spiker

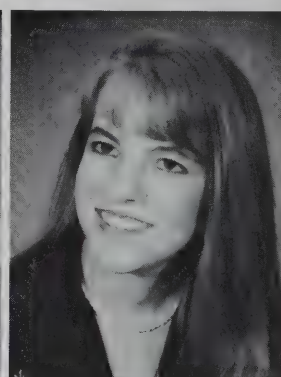
Foods 10 & 11, VICA 11

Krysta Dawn Stacy

Class Play 10 & 12, One Act Play 11, Student Council 9-12, Rep 9 & 10, Chaplain 11 & 12, Tennis 11, National Honor 11 & 12, AIDS Comm Chairperson 11 & 12, School Improvement Team Rep 10 & 12, Welcome Comm 11

Kristi Nicole Stemple

Basketball 9-12, National Honor 11 & 12, VP 12, Student Government 11 & 12, Treas 11, VP 12, Girls State 11, City Council Member 11, Explorers Group VP 11, Prom Comm 11



David McKinley Stephens

Track and Field 10-12, Football 11 & 12, Basketball 10 & 11, Christian Club Pres 9-12

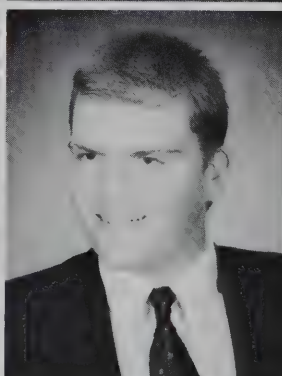
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Chad Martin Summerfield

Carpentry 10, Wrestling 11

Erica Lynn Summerfield

Chorus 10 & 12, Colorguard 10, Stageband 10, Cosmetology 12, FBLA 11



Audrey Ann Sweitzer

Christian Club 9, Cheerleading 11 & 12, Chorus 10-12, Concert Band 9, Journalism 12, Who's Who 11

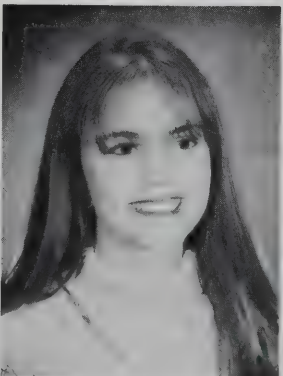
Jason Andrew Sweitzer

Basketball 9-12, Baseball 9-12

Robert Swiger

Jamie Dwayne Tasker

Football 9, Basketball 9-12, Baseball 9-12





Andrew Teter

Katrina Thayer

Cross Country 9-12, Student Council Representative 12, AIDS Council 12, National Honor Society 11 & 12

Eric Thomas

Gerald Eugene Twigg Jr.

Baseball 11 & 12, VICA 12

Kristopher Todd Upole

Basketball 9 & 10, Baseball 9-12, Football 12

Timothy Wayne Upton

Baseball 9-11, Track 12, School Play 12, Cross Country 10

Crystal Vecchioni

Angela Lynn Virts

Foods 10-12

Ronnie Welch

Terrance DeWayne Welch

Charles Wesley

Adam Bartholomew White

Marching Band 9-12, Concert Band 9-12, Stage Band 12, VICA 12

Allison Marie White

Volleyball 9-12, Softball 12, Main Office Aide 11 & 12

Amy White

Jason Andrew White

VICA 12

Alicia Wolfe

Jason Scott Wood

Andrew Scott Woods

Football 9-12, Baseball 9-12, Student Council 12, National Honor Society 11 & 12, Ecology Club 9 & 10

Tonya Abernathy 10
 Victoria Ackerman 10
 Charles Adams 11
 Donald Ahern 10
 Dave Alexander 11
 Jason Alexander 10
 Kendra Alexander 10

Kenzie Alexander 10
 Steven Allison 10
 Melissa Anderson 9
 John Andrews 9
 Amanda Armstrong 9
 Heath Arnold 10
 Brian Aronhalt 10



Sweaty palms, big eyes, trembling voice

By: Erin Ball

As the freshmen walked in to the high school, their eyes got real big, their palms started to sweat and in their trembling voice they asked, "Where do we go?"

"Being a freshman isn't that bad, but some of the teachers treat you unfairly cause they don't like freshmen, but it's still not bad," Tiffany Holtschneider, freshman, said.

Many freshmen were glad to be in the high school because it was a lot bigger than the middle school and there were a lot more people to associate with.

"It's really cool, except upperclassmen pick on you," Missy Simmons, freshman, said.

There were many changes

for the freshmen, such as the four period day and being with upperclassmen.

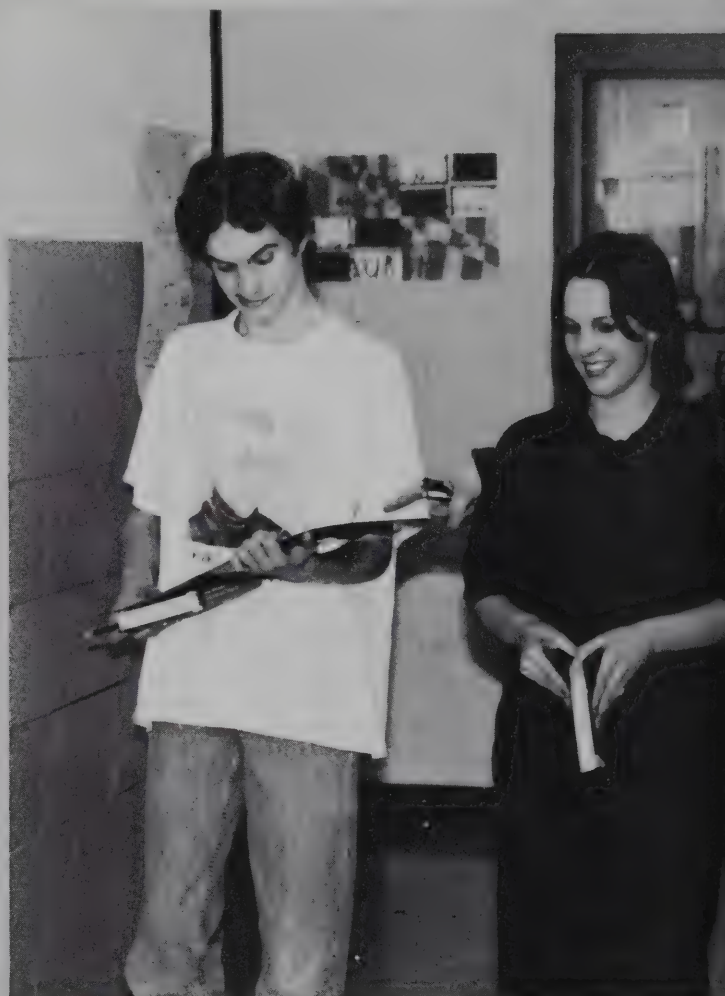
"I hate walking around the corner and walking into an upperclassman's chest," Mandi Davis, freshman, said.

One of the biggest changes for freshmen or new students was the four period day.

"I think the four period day is really cool," Jason Liller, freshman, said. "It's neat because you only have to memorize where four classes are."

What did freshman think of having final exams at the middle of the year and at the end of the year?

"The finals that I had to take were so much harder than the ones I had to take in middle school," Stephanie Sweitzer, freshman, said.



Amanda Ashby 10
 Jesse Ashby 11
 Kandi Ashby 11
 Kristi Ashby 11
 Julie Atkinson 9
 Michael Avona 10
 John Ayers 10

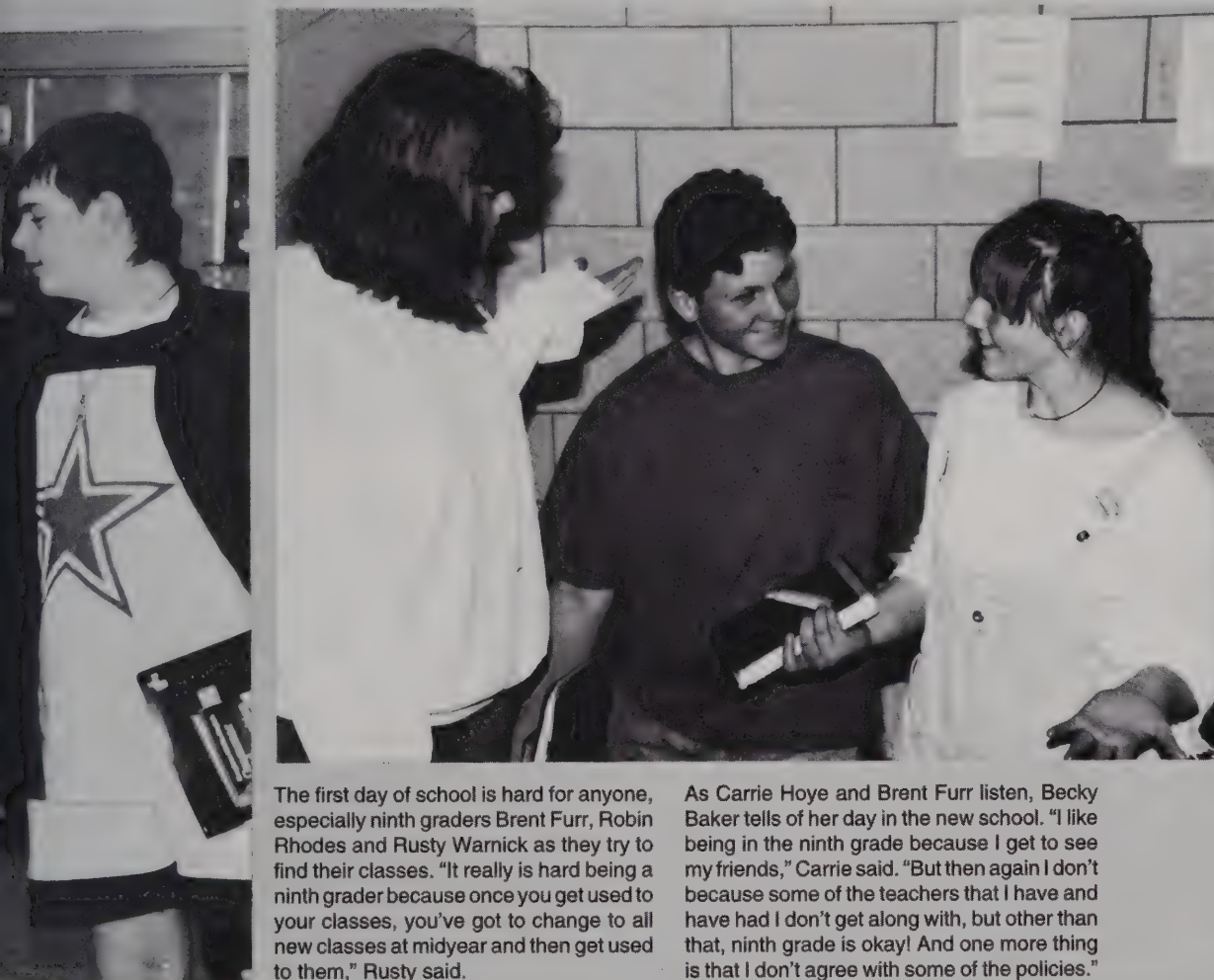
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 Jessica Baker 9
 Rebecca Baker 9
 Erin Ball 10
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 Steven Bargy 11





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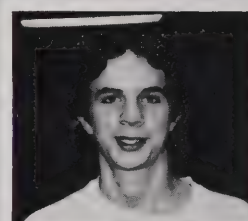
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Benjamin Bernard	9
Jason Bernard	10
Thomas Best	10
Rishi Bhatnagar	10



The first day of school is hard for anyone, especially ninth graders Brent Furr, Robin Rhodes and Rusty Warnick as they try to find their classes. "It really is hard being a ninth grader because once you get used to your classes, you've got to change to all new classes at midyear and then get used to them," Rusty said.

As Carrie Hoye and Brent Furr listen, Becky Baker tells of her day in the new school. "I like being in the ninth grade because I get to see my friends," Carrie said. "But then again I don't because some of the teachers that I have and have had I don't get along with, but other than that, ninth grade is okay! And one more thing is that I don't agree with some of the policies."

New school



"Being a ninth grader is hard because you have to switch all classes in the middle of the year." Brent Furr



Rodney Bird	10
Christopher Bittinger	10
Michael Bittinger	10
Jeremy Blamble	9
Matthew Blythe	11
Jarrett Bolden	9
Maranda Bonner	9

Rolanda Bonner	9
Ary Bosley	11
Scot Bowman	10
Jody Bowser	9
Danny Boyce	10
Melinda Brady	11
Erica Bray	9

Daniel Bray 10
 Jarod Broadwater 9
 Robert Broadwater 11
 Abbi Brown 9
 Amanda Brown 10
 Brian Brown 10
 James Brown 11

Brandi Burgess 11
 Belinda Burns 11
 Shannon Burnside 10
 Larry Butcher 10
 Brian Byrd 11
 Michael Byrd 10
 Amanda Calhoun 10

Robert Canan 9
 Kerri Cannon 11
 Melissa Canterbury 11
 Joshua Capan 9
 Shawn Cardiff 9
 Jeremiah Carlisle 11
 Natalie Carlson 11

Randi Carpenter 9
 Christopher Channel 11
 Ryan Channel 9
 Angela Chapman 11
 Ronald Chapman 10
 Adam Chorpennning 11
 Aaron Cline 10



Students impressed family and friends

By: Jessica Getson

"A job after school seems to be important to me because I don't like living off of my father's hard work," Amanda Kisner, junior, said. "The money I make goes into this piece of junk car."

Many students impressed their family and friends by their responsibility of having a job after school or on weekends.

"I work every day after school and on weekends," Zack Gaster, senior, said. "My parents are glad I'm taking responsibility, but don't want me working my high school years away. It's hard to keep my job and have a social life, but it's fun trying."

Many students could not work because they didn't

think they could handle going to school and working at the same time.

"I couldn't keep my job once sports started," Sylvia Paesani, junior, said. "There wasn't enough time for me to go to school, play sports and work."

Some students could get off work for just about anything, while others had to get down on one knee and beg their boss to let them off from work.

"For me working at Foodland isn't all that bad. I'm athletic so I don't mind all of the moving around and staying on your feet constantly," Matt Paugh, junior, said. "When it comes to getting off of work to go to football games or just going out with some friends, it is not all that hard."



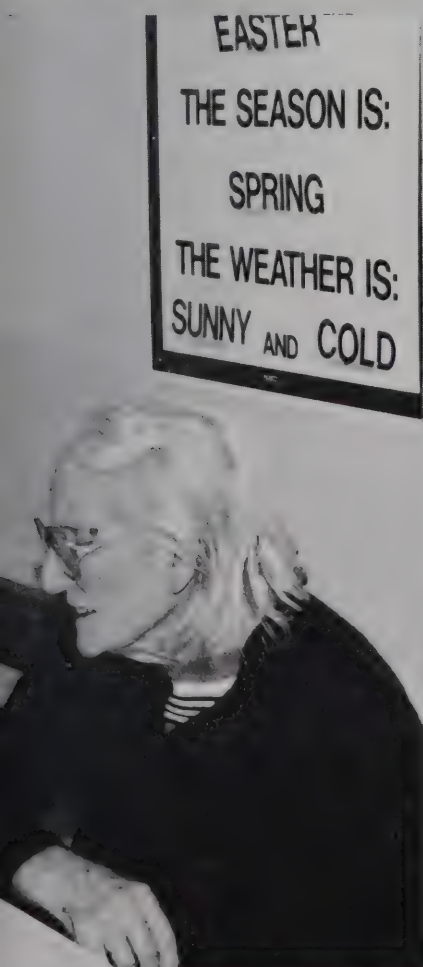


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 Megan Conroy 9

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 Aphraah Corby 9
 Mark Corby 10
 Rana Corby 9
 Eric Cosner 11

Eliza Coviello 11
 Francesca Coviello 10
 Tiffany Craver 9
 Amber Crites 9
 Terri Crosby 9
 Gary Crosby 9
 Howard Crosco 11

Russell Crosco 9
 Tommy Crosco 9
 Daniel Cummings 9
 Lisa Curtis 9
 Meghan Dabney 11
 Amanda Davis 9
 Jeremy Davis 9



A worker at Cuppett & Weeks Nursing Home, Donnette Riley hands Maud Feathers her mid-evening snack. "Working at the nursing home is interesting and helps me to see what my future in nursing will bring."

Visible Changes Beauty Salon is the scene of Deni Lynn Shaffer washing the hair of Holly Shafer. "Since I want to be a beautician, having a job at *Visible Changes* is just right for me."

Work, work, work



"Work is good for money, but it's not fun or even sane. Although I only work on Thursdays to Saturdays, to work around school and fun, it still feels like I'm always working or forgetting to do something."

Jesse Ashby

Nothing like feelings between friends

By: Erin Ball

There was nothing that compared to the feeling between real friends. Sharing just about everything with one another just came naturally.

"Friends are there when you need them like when you're having problems with guys or just having a bad day," Alisha Dixon, junior, said. "Not just when you're having fun."

From the friends who played matchbox cars and Barbies together to the ones who went to football games together, it all came down to just being able to get along.

"My friends are always there when you need to talk about your problems," Heidi Baker, sophomore, said.

Finding time to talk was easier said than done. The five minutes that were given between classes did not give friends very much time to talk.

"Finding time to talk to my friends is really hard, because there's barely enough time to get to classes, lunch is too short and after school I always have homework," Chrissy Davis, sophomore, said.

The telephone allowed friends to communicate outside of school.

"When you get to talk to your friends, it seems to brighten your day whether it has been a bad one or not," Bethany Smith, sophomore, said. "They just understand what you're thinking and going through."



Michael Dawson	9
Richard DeBerry	9
Brittney Decker	10
David Deem	11
John Dehus	11
Michael Dehus	9
Mark Dever	9

Joseph Dever	11
Brian DeWitt	11
Christopher DeWitt	11
Christy DeWitt	10
Danielle DeWitt	9
Heather DeWitt	9
Jason DeWitt	10

Joshua DeWitt	10
Donnelle Dick	10
Thomas Diehl	9
Nathan DiSimone	9
Alisha Dixon	11
Catherine Dixon	11
Nicholas Dolan	9

Diane Donham	9
Trina Donoghue	9
Jamie Droppleman	10
Heather Duckworth	11
Nicholas Dudok	11
Lydia Dufour	11
Crystal Duncan	11



The pre-8:30 a.m. bell time talk session has all smiles coming from Tonya Friend, Jennie Grant and Lindsay Garris. "I look forward to being in first period because I get to talk to two of my best friends," Jennie said.

A hockey catalog keeps the common interest of Scott Sanders, Matt Walthall, Steve Shiflett and Aaron Mountain. "We only put up with Aaron and let him hang around us because we feel sorry for him," Matt said jokingly.



Friendly friends



"I have the best friends that anyone could have. They are always there for me, especially when I need them to help me get through the long, boring days."

Lindsay Garris



Jennifer Durben	9
James Durst	9
Shawn Durst	11
Lisa Elliott	11
Scott Elliott	10
Shannon Elliott	9
James Elsey	9

Richard Emmart	10
James Evans	11
Maria Evans	9
Derek Everd	10
Rubben Everett	10
Christopher Ewing	9
Rachel Farmer	10

Brandon Ferguson	10
Fawn Ferguson	9
Jamie Ferguson	10
Christa Fike	9
Sarah Fike	11
Carrie Filsinger	10
Jenny Finkel	11

Jennifer Fitzwater	9
Michael Flanagan	11
Albert Fleming	11
Heather Flores	10
Amber Foglepole	9
Seth Folickman	11
Beatrice Ford	

Brandon Ford	9
Gregg Ford	10
Leonard Ford	9
Rebecca Ford	10
Patrick Forman	11
Paul Frantz	11
Nicole Frazee	9

Brandy Freeland	11
Carrie Friend	9
Christopher Friend	9
Corey Friend	11
Jennifer Friend	10
Jesse Friend	9
Jody Friend	10



Likes and dislikes

By: Maggie Hardesty

Many people have pet peeves.

They dislike it when another student picks at one of their friends or bad-mouths something they like. A sample of the pet peeves heard around the school follows.

"I hate when you're talking to a friend and somebody totally out of the conversation just butts in," Misty Kisner, sophomore, said.

"I really hate when people talk about you when you're not around and then they act like you're best friends," Marni Sweitzer, sophomore, said.

"Bad language is the worst. It's awful to walk through the hallways and listen to people who can't talk descent. If they can't find any other words, they

should just keep quiet," Susie Mosser, sophomore, said.

"I really dislike it when people butt in my relationship with my boyfriend and I don't like it when people use bad language," Michelle Paugh, sophomore, said.

"I hate people who are self-centered 'cause they are immature," Mike Virts, freshman, said.

"I hate it when people make fun of or hate blacks; it is not fair because they are the same as we are," Sarah Jonson, junior, said.

"Rednecks say such bad things about blacks or people they say act like blacks and they never have met a black person in their life," Tommy Corbin, junior, said.

"People that are too darn snooty," Chris DeWitt, junior, said.



Joseph Friend	10
Laura Friend	9
Paul Friend	11
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Tonya Friend	10
Brent Furr	9
Bethany Gaither	9

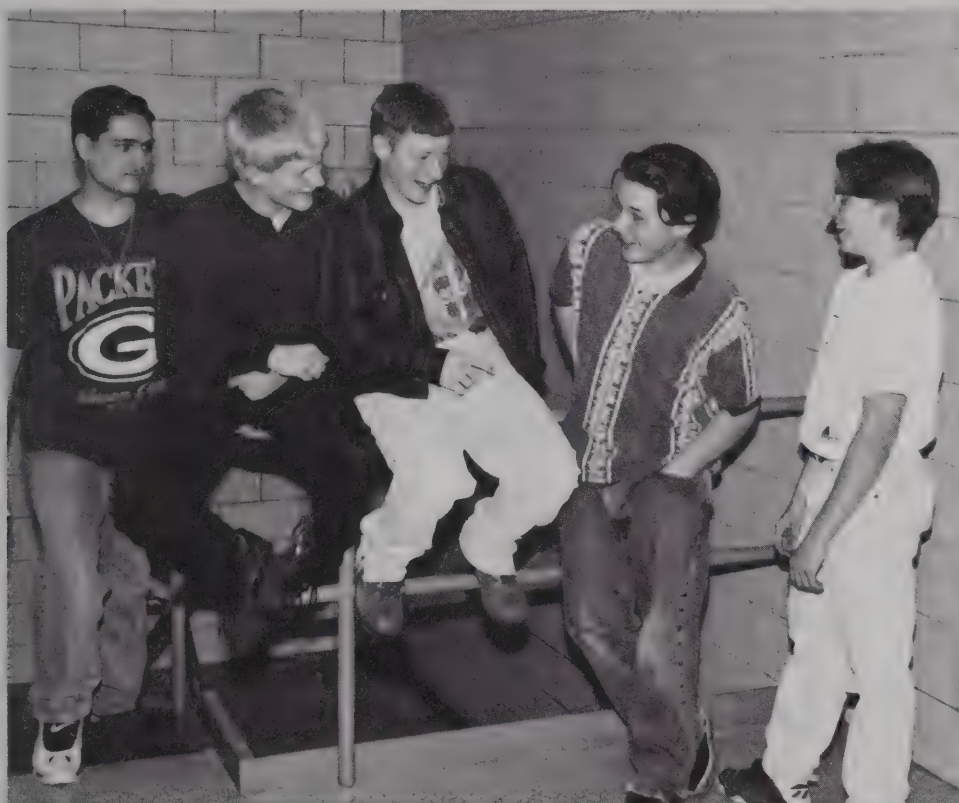
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Victor Gardea	10
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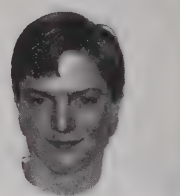
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Julie Glotfelty	10
Nicholas Glotfelty	9
Michelle Goralski	9
Crystal Gordon	9
Richard Granke	10



Eavesdropping over Jeff McDaniel's shoulder, Frannie Coviello helps him read his paper. "I don't mind when people read over my shoulder, but I can't stand it when they chew their gum in my ear," Jeff said. David Nichols added, "Some are like a fly constantly buzzing around me."

A pet peeve from most students is when someone not invited into the conversation tries to join in anyway. One example of this is when Chad Troshak comes up the steps and tries to hear what Andy Seib, Josh Perando, David Nichols and Tim Wotring are talking about.

Pet peeve



"I can be friendly to just about anyone, but when I am talking with my friends, I can't stand being bothered by a pest."

Steve Pariseau



Jennifer Grant	10
Robert Gray	11
Kerry Graybill	11
Jamie Grubb	10
Christopher Guthrie	11
Christina Guthrie	10
Michael Guthrie	11

Ronald Guthrie	11
Nicole Guy	9
Ricky Hamilton	9
Aubrey Hardesty	10
Kristina Hardesty	10
Maggie Hardesty	10
Cambria Harman	10

Steven Harris	11
Andrew Harvey	10
Connie Harvey	10
Heather Harvey	10
Randolph Harvey	9
Christy Hauser	10
Melissa Hauser	11

Keith Hebb	11
Courtland Helbig	10
Justin Helbig	11
Kathryn Helbig	9
Adam Herbert	11
Gary Herman	9
Abby Hershman	11

Justin Hershman	10
Amanda Hinebaugh	9
Kristal Hinebaugh	10
Stephanie Hinebaugh	10
Crystal Hinnant	9
Christy Hoalcraft	10
Jessica Hoffman	11

Tiffany Holtschneider	9
Theressa Holtschneider	11
Paul Howdysell	11
Carrie Hoyer	9
Joni Hoyer	10
Daniel Huber	11
Leonard Hudgens	11



'..teachers run to my mom'

By Jessica Getson

"One of the worst things about having my mom work in the school is that my teachers run to my mom as soon as I have done something wrong," Lindsay Garis, sophomore, said.

This was the response of about seven students whose parents worked at the school.

Some of them actually enjoyed their parent working in the school.

"I really don't mind my mom working in the school," Jackie Stanley, sophomore, said. "At least she gives me rides to school, it's better than riding the bus every morning."

Imagine walking down

the hall with a bunch of friends, or sitting at a pep assembly with one of the cutest guys in school, when one of your parents starts acting really crazy.

"I get really embarrassed because of my dad," Andi Bender, freshman, said. "My dad is about the craziest teacher in school. Most of the time I just laugh at him along with the other students."

Some students thought just because you had a parent who worked in the school meant you got special privileges, but that was not always true.

"My teachers do not treat me any different than any other student," Stanley said. "I wish they did."





Shannan Hunter	11
James Dillon	10
Jason James	10
Jesse James	10
Aaron Janes	10
Timothy Jeffreys	11
Jonathan Jones	11

Boo Jonson	9
Sarah Jonson	11
Laura Jordan	10
Courtney Keeys	11
Alfred Kight	10
Steven Kight	11
Valerie Kight	10

Daniel King	10
Christle Kisner	9
Misty Kisner	10
Tina Knox	10
Rachel Lane	10
David Lantz	10
John Laverdure	10

April Layton	9
Sarah Lechlitter	9
Brandi Lewis	9
Cody Lewis	11
Coriell Lewis	9
Paula Lewis	10
Stacy Lewis	10



Selecting slides of local fish to be used in fish identification studies in Biology, Mike Taliaferro helps his dad, Mr. Bruce Taliaferro, before school starts. "It is hard to get away with anything since my dad always has his eye on me. I like it at Southern (compared to Northern) because of the 4 period day."

Lindsay Garris (center) talks to Sara Sincell and Alison Rudy as Lindsay's mother, Mrs. Linda Garris, looks out her door to see what the three are doing. "Being in the school where my mom works is okay, but my teachers expect more out of me because she's here," Lindsay said.

Mom's looking



"I don't really mind my mother - I usually ignore her unless I want something."

Jackie Stanley

Freshmen bound for Annapolis trip

"It was interesting to see our state legislature in action and to see how the people have to live in the Naval Academy," Janet Cook said.

These thoughts summed up Mr. David Beard's annual field trip to Annapolis on March 29.

Students left Oakland on a snowy 6 a.m. Friday morning not realizing until they returned that night that there had been a one hour delay in school.

The 6 to 11:30 a.m. bus trip got most students tired. "This trip was fun," Tommy Crosco said. "I really enjoyed everything but the ride down."

Students sat in on both the Senate and House of

Delegates sessions to better understand the workings of the state government.

State Senator John Hafer spoke to the students and answered their questions.

After the senator left, Ben Bernard said, "Boy, we made him nervous."

Lunch was next and lunch "...was great because of all the free time..." Chrissy Steyer said.

Last on the list was a tour of the Naval Academy and historic Annapolis.

"In the Navy your room has to be extremely neat and you must do things a certain way," Nick Dolan said.

"The John Paul Jones crypt was the greatest," Missy Simmons said.



Toni Lewis	
Jason Liller	9
Joshua Liller	11
Crystal Lipscomb	11
Tonya Livengood	10
James Lloyd	10
Tammy Lloyd	11

Vicki Lloyd	9
Dawn Lohr	11
Denise Longacre	9
Chad Lovett	9
Bridgett Lucas	9
Daniel Lucas	10
Tara Lucas	9

Mark Ludwig	10
Eben Lynch	9
Saskia Lyng	11
Patrick MaCauley	10
Timothy MaCauley	11
John Manning	10
Anna Marc	11

Jessica Martin	9
Meredith Martin	10
Ruth Martin	9
Alfred Marucci	9
Dennis Mason	9
Amanda Matthews	9
Scott Matthews	





While Kane Wengerd, Mike Prohonic, Pete Porcaro and Mike Paesani watch, a tour guide gives a visual demonstration concerning the life of John Paul Jones.



A tour guide from Three Centuries Tours talks to Sherri Perando and Jackie Paugh before the two hour walking tour of historic Annapolis and the Naval Academy.

Strict rooms



"It was a very interesting trip. If I had the chance to go back, I would. I loved the Naval Academy. That place is very strict about their rooms.

Todd Tasker



Jacqueline Mattingly 10
Sarah Mattingly 9
Jeffrey Maule 9
Susan Mayfield 9
Amanda Mayle 10
Shawnda Mayle 9
Katelyne McBee 9

Mariah McBee 10
Robert McBee 9
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Devon McClive 9
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John Mellinger 11
Jeannine Meyers 9
Kristen Michaels 9
Regina Mick 9

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Bridget Miller 10
Bryanne Miller 10
Joshua Miller 9
Charles Moats 11
Delmar Moats 10
Virgil Moats 9

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 Kenny Murphy 10
 Patrick Murphy 9
 David Murray 9
 Sarah Murray 11



Freshmen results are in: Liller, McClive win for most talent

By: Laura Livengood

The results from the freshman favorites survey are in.

All members of the freshman class were given ballots to vote for such categories as most athletic and biggest flirt.

"I'm glad Katelyne (McBee) was voted most athletic," Shawn Cardiff said. "She competes very hard and always gives her

all."

Most of the students agreed that the winners of the categories deserved the titles they earned.

"Brittany Slider deserved to be voted biggest flirt because she flirts with everyone," Toni Sullivan said. "She doesn't get as much credit as she deserves though, because she is a very nice person."

Most Talented:

Jason Liller
 Devon McClive

Biggest Flirt:

Mike Dehus
 Brittany Slider

Best Looking:

Nathan DiSimone
 Jody Bowser

Most Likely to Succeed:

John Andrews
 Janet Cook

Most Athletic:

John Andrews
 Katelyne McBee

Class Clown:

Ben Bernard
 Alicia Sausman

Kenneth Myers 10
 Mika Myers 9
 Whitney Myers 9
 Marshall Neel 11
 Derrick Nelson 9
 James Nelson 9
 Annie Neville 9

Aaron Newcomb 11
 Autumn Newcomb 11
 Lauren Newcomb 11
 Benjamin Newman 11
 Rebekah Newman 9
 Cassie Nice 11
 Abigail Nichols 11





David Nichols	10
Karrie Nine	10
Sindy Niner	11
Charles Nolan	9
Charles O'Brien	10
John Ortiz	11
Marie Oyarce	10

Elizabeth Paesani	10
Michael Paesani	9
Sylvia Paesani	11
Michael Pamepinto	9
Aaron Panicho	11
Linda Pannell	9
Tammy Pannell	9



Jason Liller, Devon McClive



Mike Dehus, Brittany Slider



Nathan DiSimone, Jody Bowser



John Andrews, Janet Cook

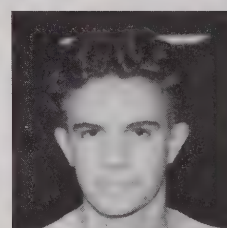


John Andrews, Katelyne McBee



Ben Bernard, Alicia Sausman

Most Talent



"I'm glad Jason Liller was voted most talented because he is very good at playing the drums." Brent Furr



Stephen Pariseau	10
Adam Park	11
Brian Park	11
Seretha Park	10
Cristi Parker	11
Keith Parks	9
Erica Paugh	11

Hannah Paugh	10
Jackie Paugh	9
Matthew Paugh	11
Matthew Paugh	11
Michelle Paugh	10
Susan Paugh	11
Virginia Paugh	9

Michele Pearsall 11
 Brandon Peck 10
 Joshua Peck 9
 Josh Perando 10
 Sheri Perando 9
 Angela Perry 9
 Frances Perry 11

David Peterson 11
 John Peterson 9
 Janice Plauger 11
 Peter Porcaro 9
 Rita Powell 11
 Hagan Pratt 9
 Jonathan Price 9

Michelle Prohonic 11
 Michael Prohonic 9
 Arthur Pysell 9
 Heidi Ravenscroft 10
 Christy Reams 11
 Phillip Reams 9
 Angela Reckart 9

Jason Reckart 10
 Jennifer Reckart 10
 Rodney Reckart 11
 Megan Redinger 11
 Ashley Reese 9
 Eric Rexrode 9
 Melvin Rexrode 10



Rudy, Bhatnagar most likely to succeed as sophomores vote

By: Laura Livengood

Who are the two people in the sophomore class that are most likely to succeed? According to the overwhelming votes, they are Alison Rudy and Billo Bhatnagar.

Most likely to succeed was just one of the six categories that the sophomores voted on.

Of all the categories, most athletic was the most popular among the sophomore class.

"I am glad that Erin Shaf-

fer was voted most athletic," Bridget Miller said. "In my opinion she is the most athletic person in the tenth grade and she participated in more than one sport this year."

Not everyone agreed with the choices that were made by the sophomores.

"I don't think Chad Warnick deserved to win most athletic," Johann Lynge said. "He may have been chosen as most athletic, but in my opinion there are a lot of guys who are more athletic than him."

Best Looking:

Chad Warnick
 Sara Sincell

Most Likely to Succeed:

Billo Bhatnagar
 Alison Rudy

Most Athletic:

Chad Warnick
 Erin Shaffer

Class Clown:

Jamie Droppleman
 Amanda McDonald

Biggest Flirt:

Roy Cheshire
 Carrie Filsinger

Most Talented:

Mark Ludwig
 Carrie Filsinger



John Rhodes 9
Robin Rhodes 9
Marvin Rhodes 9
Nathan Rickman 11
Ronald Ridder 9
Audley Riley 10
Danny Riley 10

Donnette Riley 11
Sharon Ringer 11
Justin Rinker 9
Michael Ritchey 9
April Rodeheaver 10
Jason Rodeheaver 9
Misty Rodeheaver 11

Michael Rohrbaugh 10
Nicholas Rohrbaugh 11
Christopher Rondeau 10
Kimberly Rosenthal 11
Kristy Rounds 9
Allison Rudy 10
Jonathon Ruff 9

Matthew Ruff 11
Brandy Rush 9
Erin Rush 9
Scott Sanders 10
Jessica Saturday 9
Alicia Sausman 9
Kristie Sausman 11



Chad Warnick, Sara Sincell



Billo Bhatnagar, Alison Rudy



Chad Warnick, Erin Shaffer



Jamie Droppleman, Amanda McDonald



Roy Cheshire, Carrie Filsinger



Mark Ludwig, Carrie Filsinger

Class clown



"I have known Jamie Droppleman since grade school and he has always been the class clown. Jamie is always making someone laugh."

Donnelle Dick

Foreman, Cook voted most likely to succeed for juniors

By: Krystal Sharpless

Who were the best looking people in the junior class? How about most athletic or biggest flirt? A survey was conducted to find out.

These were not the only categories voted on by the junior class. They also voted on who they believed were most talented and most likely to succeed.

Danny Huber was not surprised to hear that Melanie Cook had won most likely to succeed. "I knew someone would get it," he said. "I'm just surprised it wasn't me."

Matt Sincell was voted most talented; most people believed that he deserved to win.

"I think Matt deserved to get most talented," Kassy Skipper said. "He is a really good actor."

Best Looking:

Matt Sincell
Lauren Newcomb

Most Likely to Succeed:

Patrick Forman
Melanie Cook

Most Athletic:

Aaron Newcomb
Meghan Dabney

Class Clown:

Corey Friend
Megan Redinger

Most talented:

Matt Sincell
Rita Powell

Biggest Flirt:

Jay Ferguson
Sharon Ringer

Gregory Savage	10
James Schmidt	10
Robert Schmidt	10
David Schoch	10
Christina Schrock	10
Patrick Schrock	9
Carl Schroyer	11

Scot Schroyer	11
Jennifer Scripp	9
Andrew Seib	10
Andy Severe	11
Daniel Shaffer	9
David Shaffer	10
Deni Lynn Shaffer	11

Erin Shaffer	10
Kevin Shaffer	11
Rachel Shaffer	10
Steven Shaffer	11
Heather Shahan	11
Brandy Shaluta	11
Bricen Shaluta	11

Amy Shaneybrook	11
Brooke Shank	10
Harland Sharpless	10
Misty Sharpless	9
Jeremiah Shelton	10
John Shelton	9
Steven Shiflett	10





Matt Sincell, Lauren Newcomb



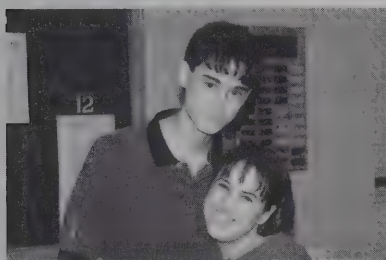
Patrick Forman, Melanie Cook



Aaron Newcomb, Meghan Dabney



Matt Sincell, Rita Powell



Corey Friend, Megan Redinger



Jay Ferguson, Sharon Ringer

Biggest flirt



"I don't think Sharon Ringer deserved to be voted biggest flirt. She just jokes around, she's not being serious."

John Dehus



Scott Shillingburg 9
Jeremiah Shockey 9
Kandice Shomo 11
Amy Shope 9
Ashley Shreve 9
Sara Shrewsbury 9
Melissa Simmons 9

Thomas Simms 9
Daniel Sincell 10
Matthew Sincell 11
Sara Sincell 10
Elizabeth Sines 11
Jason Sines 11
Robert Sines 11

Taylor Sines 9
Dale Sines 11
Joy Sisler 11
Roy Sisler 11
Samuel Sisler 10
Kassandra Skipper 11
Brittany Slider 9

Adam Smith 10
Bethany Smith 10
Jennifer Smith 10
Monica Smith 9
Joe Snell 10
Tammy Smith 9
Anna Snyder 9

Mark Snyder	10
Desir'ee Spady	9
Amanda Spiker	11
Justin Spiker	9
Amanda Spink	9
Shannon Spurrier	11
Erica Stahl	11

Dana Stallard	10
Jacquelyn Stanley	10
Shasta Steffan	9
Cheri Stemple	10
Christina Steyer	9
James Steyer	10
Melissa Steyer	10



Volunteer hours or slave labor

By: Laura Livengood

Starting with the class of 1997, all students were required to complete 40 community service hours.

"I think 40 hours is too much," Brooke Shank, sophomore, said. "We do have lives outside of school."

Brooke was not the only one who didn't like community service hour requirements.

"They are making us do these community service hours to help us be more willing to volunteer," Tammy Lloyd, junior, said. "If it was really volunteer, we would choose to do it on our own."

The students could complete up to 20 hours per year.

Unlike Brooke and

Tammy, many students enjoyed completing their community service hours.

"I got to DJ a dance for Appalachian Crossroads," John Laverdure, sophomore, said. "Service Learning is not bad, you just have to find the right thing to do."

Activities for earning community service hours ranged from blind skiing, to helping in the local nursing homes.

"I helped at the Kitzmiller Halloween Social and at the Dennett Road Nursing Home," Stephanie Sweitzer, freshman, said.

For some people, completing community service hours was fun. "For my service hours, I drank Coke, ate nachos and played loud music at a dance," Sean Conroy, sophomore, said.



Amanda Stieringer	9
Asya Stimak	11
Christopher Stimman	10
Brandi Stoner	11
Naomi Stoner	9
William Stoner	9
Charles Stoner	11

Nicholaus Stonesifer	11
Hanna Stratton	10
Kerri Strubin	9
Thomas Stuck	11
Jarroed Suess	9
Maggie Suess	11
Toni Sullivan	9





Jerry Sweitzer	9
Marni Sweitzer	10
Stephanie Sweitzer	9
Tommy Sweitzer	9
Joseph Swerbinsky	11
Allison Swinson	11
Chad Tasker	11

Crystal Tasker	10
Douglas Tasker	9
Erica Tasker	11
Janice Tasker	11
Jessica Tasker	9
Kevin Tasker	11
Maria Tasker	11



Many students, such as Jimmy Gallagher, helped get their Community Service Hours by helping in organizations they or a family member were already associated with. Jimmy controls the PA system at the Oak Park Church of the Brethren each Sunday morning.

Community Service Hours for Sharon Ringer were no problem as she serves coffee to Mr. Ford, an Oakland fireman, as both help with Bingo at the Oakland Fire Hall. "I served food and drinks to the people who played Bingo every Thursday. I had a lot of fun."

Community service



"Community hours are a good idea. The community can really benefit from slave labor. We can really clean the streets and help other generations."
Andy Seib



Tereka Tasker	9
Todd Tasker	9
Laura Taylor	9
Joshua Teets	9
Joshua Teets	11
Paul Tepper	11
Carmalita Terrant	11

Michelle Teter	10
Nicole Thayer	11
Joni Thomas	10
Sara Thomas	9
Larry Thomas	11
Michelle Thompson	10
Kevin Tichinel	9

Rocky Tichinel 11
George Tichnell 10
Lacy Timmerman 9
Erica Tinsley 9
Krystal Towne 9
Courtney Tressler 9
Seth Tressler 11

Michael Troshak 10
Tanya True 9
Sampsu Tuomisto 11
Jack Tusing 11
Jason Unger 9
Jason Uphold 10
Joel Uphold 11

Malinda Uphold 10
Thomas Uphold 10
David Upole 9
Erica Upole 11
Justin Upole 11
Tracy Upole 11
Crystal Virts 10

James Virts 9
Christopher Wakefield 11
Matthew Walthall 10
Erin Wampler 10
Hilarie Wampler 9
Chad Warnick 10
Delmos Warnick 9



Not all book work; out of the class- room setting

By: Krystal Sharpless

The Tech Ed program started with the class of 1997. Many teachers and staff thought it would be a good idea, but there were those students who disagreed.

"I hate Tech Ed, it is really boring," Virginia Paugh, freshman, said. "I don't know why we need to take it."

This program was designed to give every student the concept of working with technology. It also gave the students the opportunity to work hands-on instead out of books all the time.

Then there were some

students who enjoyed the class maybe because it was not all book work or maybe because it got them out of the classroom setting. "Tech Ed. was great because instead of just learning out of books you get to go out in the shop and build projects," Carrie Filsinger, sophomore, said.

"I didn't like the Tech Ed class," Jimmy Brown, junior, said. "But I understand that the school system is trying to give us a wide variety of classes."

Maybe the whole purpose of these Tech Ed classes wasn't quite clear to some students, but at least it got their noses out of books and into class activities.





Kristin Warnick	10
Bruce Warsaw	10
Jason Weaver	9
Janice Welch	11
William Welch	9
Christopher Welsh	11
Kane Wengerd	9

Jeremy Whitacre	10
Joshua White	9
Margaret White	10
George White	11
Belinda Whitehair	9
Autumn Williams	9
Amber Wilson	11

Holly Wilson	11
Rena Wilt	10
Stephen Wilt	9
Wesley Wilt	11
Heather Winebrenner	9
Shelley Winters	10
Timothy Wotring	10

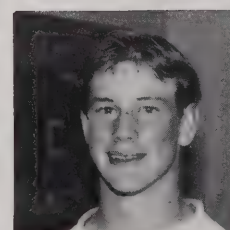
Jason Xander	10
Carrie Yommer	9
Brad Zimmerman	10
Matthew Zimmerman	11



Students in Tech Ed. built bridges and then tested the strength of their work by seeing how much sand could be placed in a bucket that was attached to their bridge before the bridge would break. Krystal

Towne and Michele McCartney (left) and Daniel Stahoviak and Chad Lovett test their construction techniques as Mr. Nick Drobac watches.

Tech Ed.



"Tech Ed is pretty cool because we get to build airplanes and bridges. This class is pretty easy if you do your work. We learn a lot about modern technology in here."

Ricky Hamilton

H

ow do teachers relax?

By: Ary Bosley

Many thought teachers had oodles of time to grade papers, projects, etc., and to relax. But, the teachers beg to differ.

"I am a full time mom out of school," Ms. Valerie Frazee said. "I always get tons of on-the-job training, too."

Mrs. Nan Gangler also agreed it was hard to relax. "I am a full time teacher at school, and a full time mother at home," she said. "The only time I have to relax is when all my kids are in bed, (usually at 11 p.m.)."

Some teachers played sports to relax.

"I play golf, bowl and watch TV," Mr. Bill Hogan said. "This is usually at

night after dinner."

"I relax by running, lifting weights, reading, doing chores or watching TV," Mr. Harry Biggs said. "Sometimes this is at 9 p.m."

"I enjoy walking, hiking, canoeing, skiing and golfing to relax," Mrs. Carol Slagle said. "After teacher comes wife, mother and housekeeper. I may have time to relax sometime between 4 p.m. and midnight."

Other teachers enjoyed reading, visiting family or just sitting at home.

"I enjoy just sitting at home in front of my fireplace with my wife," Mr. Carl Booth said. "This is usually between 6:30 and 10 in the evening."

"I enjoy being at home

reading," Mrs. Linda Garis said. "I also relax at the Oakland Country Club, or the Mt. Lake Park Tennis Club."

"I relax by watching TV, walking the dog and going to ball games," Mr. Dave Bosley said. "I don't get much of a chance to relax. By the time I get home, it is usually time to go to bed."

"I like to take a nap to relax," Ms. Jane Avery said. "I also like to analyze play scripts and work in the yard when I get a chance (usually between 4-5 p.m. each day)."

Many teachers relaxed by spending time with family.

"I spend time with my family whenever I can to relax," Mr. Fred Gregg said.

"I enjoy playing with my grandson," Ms. Vicki Carlson said.

"I enjoy going on drives through the country, or taking walks in the woods," Mr. Lowell Leitzel said. "At home I enjoy watching sporting events on TV."

"I love riding my horses on my ranch," Mrs. Jeri Swartzentruber said.

"I enjoy doing crafts, being with my family and picnicking all day on a boat," Mrs. Pam Eyler said.

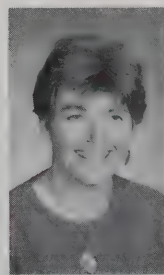
"I love fishing, watching TV and being with family and friends," Mr. Doug Oxford said.

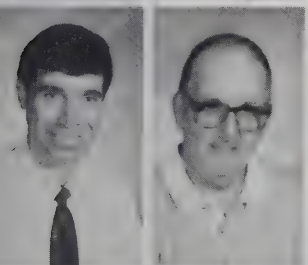
Teachers seemed to be pretty stressed out and never had enough time to relax. But when they did relax, they had fun doing whatever it was they did.



"I got it, I got a big one!" Mrs. Pam Eyler said as she reeled in a big fish. "I was fishing on the Chesapeake Bay during the summer of 1994."

Is it Popeye the Sailor Man? Or, could it be Mr. David Beard? "I was boating on the outer banks of North Carolina during the Christmas vacation of 1995."





How do teachers relax when away from school?



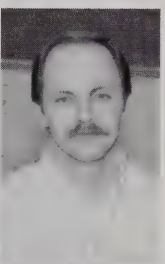
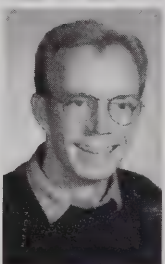
"In my free time I enjoy working in my flower beds, gardening and keeping my plants healthy."

Mrs. Carol Slagle



"I enjoy reading plays, books and play scripts when I get free time away from school and when I am in a quiet place."

Ms. Jane Avery



Ms. Jean Alvarez: Special Education, Activity Period ("The Golden Age Film")

Ms. Jane Avery: English, Drama, School Play, Improvisation Group

Mr. David Beard: Civics, Activity Period (Old Time Movies), Freshman Annapolis Trip

Mr. David Bender: World History, Civics

***Mrs. Lisa Bender:** Marketing I-II, Economics/Small Business, Cheerleading Adviser

Mr. Harry Biggs Jr.: U.S. History, World History, Career Employability, Physical Education and Health, Activity Period (The Christian Club).

Mr. Carl Booth: English I, English II, Boys' Cross Country, Activity Period (Old Time Comedy Videos).

Mr. David Bosley: Math, Computer Studies. Football, Softball.

Mr. Douglas Buckley: World History, Journalism (Yearbook and Newspaper), School Improvement Team, Chair Social Studies Dept.

Mrs. Elaine Butts: Carpentry Assistant, Marketing and Foods Assistant, VICA

Ms. Vicki Carlson: General Math, Consumer-Career Math, Pre-Algebra, Biology, English II-IV.

Mr. John Clark: Brick, Block and Stone Masonry, VICA

Mr. Richard Clever: General Music, Marching Band, Concert Band, Chorus, Stage Band, Winter Guard, Percussion Ensemble

Mr. Steve Cosner: Electronics I,II,III, Boys' Track, VICA

Ms. Martha DeBerry: Media

Mr. Nikola (Nick) Drobac: Technology Education, Head Golf Coach, Activity Period (Golf)

Mrs. Pamela Eyler: Vocational Student Support Team, Assistant VICA Advisor

Mrs. Teresa Field-Harvey: Health Nurse

Mrs. Leona Fike: Detention

Mr. Dowain Ford: Technology Education, Activity Period (Fly Tying)

Ms. Valerie Frazee: Biology, Chemistry in the Community, Earth Science, junior Class Co-Advisor, Prom Committee Co- Advisor

Mr. William Freyman: Vocational Drafting 9-12, Assistant Track Coach

Mrs. Nan Gangler: Physical Education and Health, Activity Period (Games and Activities)

Ms. Linda Garris: English, Cheerleading

Ms. Deborah Getson: Special Education Assistant

Ms. Jane Gibson: Home Economics, Child Care, Human Development and Life Skills, Freshman Class Advisor, Activity Period (Sign Making)

Mrs. Vera Graham: Keyboarding, Business Law, Business Math

Mr. Fred Gregg: Weight Training, Exercise Physiology, Physical Education, Health, Activity Period (Weight Training)

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eachers, spouses, honeymoons

By: Donnette Riley

Some teachers had wild and crazy times going on their honeymoons.

"When I got married, my wife and I were not able to go right away," Mr. Bill Hogan said. "Two fellow teacher friends locked the keys in the car. We had to send someone back to the house, to go through the window and get the extra set before we could leave."

Other teachers had romantic and fun times.

"We went to the Pocono Mountains and stayed at Caesar's Resort," Mrs. Rhonda Tasker said. "It was really romantic with a small cabin by the lake and a heart-shaped pool and

sauna inside our cabin."

A few teachers may not have had the money to go on a honeymoon.

"I have been married 36 years," Mr. David Beard said. "We didn't have a honeymoon because we were both college students and verry poor!"

Some teachers had very weird honeymoons, and on some weird occasions.

"On the day we were married I had basketball practice until 7:30," Mr. Carl Booth said. "We were married at eight with my basketball team and cheerleaders in attendance. The very next day my wife, our two daughters and I were on our way to

Capon Bridge for a basketball game."

Some teachers went far away from home and didn't know if they would make it back home.

"We lost \$20 on an auction scam in Myrtle Beach," Mr. Tom Woods said. "We had to call home for gas money to get back home."

"I thought my old car wouldn't get us home," Mr. Delbert Liller said.

One teacher refused to tell us about all the exciting things that happened on her honeymoon.

"Yes, I went on a honeymoon," Mrs. Carol Slagle said. "Wouldn't you like to know what happened?"

One teacher found something out about his

wife that he never knew before on his honeymoon.

"I remember being at the top of the Main Temple in Chiche'n Itza, Mexico," Mr. Bruce Taliaferro said. "I wondered how I was going to get her down! It was the first time I knew she had a fear of heights."

One teacher said the heck with running around and just sat back and relaxed.

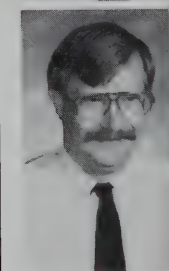
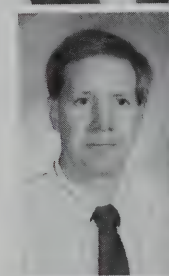
"I remember freezing at Natural Bridge, Virginia," Mr. Don Stemple said. "It was a great five days together with nothing to do or worry about, just to have fun."

Teachers may have been a bit wilder in their younger days, but they had a lot of fun.



Is it true love or what? Mr. David and Mrs. Lisa Bender remember their wedding day by exchanging vows in the hallway.

It's unbelievable! Just look at their faces! Mr. and Mrs. Don Stemple leave their apartment to practice for their wedding. "I decided to keep a good grip on her, since it was the last chance she had to run away," Coach Stemple said.



Teachers and their honeybuns



"My wife Angie and I have been Prom chaperones since 1989. This is one of the few pictures we got taken."

Mr. Harry Biggs



"Linda is the love of my life, my constant. She is my best buddy."

Mr. Carl Booth



Mr. G. Wade Grove: Integrated Algebra, Integrated Geometry, Emergency Medical Service Club

Mr. Charles Harkins: Spanish I-IV, Activity Period (Spanish Club)

Mr. Joe Heatherman: Driver's Education, Assistant Wrestling Coach

Mr. Charles Himmler: VSST

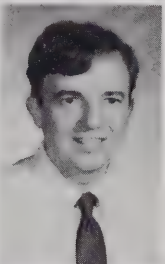


Ms. Kimberly Hinebaugh: Biology, Earth Science, Activity Period (cooking)

Mr. Wilbur Hinebaugh: C.P.R., Driver Education

Mr. Bill Hogan: English 3-4

Mrs. Holly Janoska: Career Employability, School-To-Work, Maryland's Tomorrow Casemanager



Ms. Elizabeth Johnston: Guidance Counselor, Peer Leadership Program, Student Service Learning Program (School Coordinator)

Ms. Jeri Kahl: Special Education Assistant 4

Ms. Kate Kane: Business Data Processing, Computer Studies, Assistant Girls' Track Coach

Mr. Robert King, Jr.: Special Education



Mr. Steve Kisner: Agricultural Education, FFA

Ms. Kimberly Kuhn: Algebra I, Integrated Algebra, Integrated Geometry, Principles of Technology I, Activity Period (Cosmetology)

Mr. Ron Kuhn: Guidance Counselor

Mrs. Joan Lambert: German I-IV, Social Chairperson, Activity Period (German Games and Tutoring)



Mr. Lowell Leitzel: French I-IV, National Honor Society Adviser, Student Council Assistant Adviser, French Exchange Coordinator and Group Leader

Mr. Harry Lewis: CPA

Mrs. Betty Liller: Administrative Secretary

Mr. Delbert Liller: Machine Tool, Activity Period (Motorcycling)

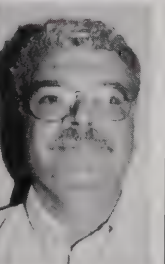


Mr. Don Lipscomb: Mathematics

Mrs. Peggy Logsdon: School Nurse

Ms. Diana Marks: Biology, Advanced Biology, Earth Science

Ms. Diane Martin: Study Skills, Affective Education



Mr. David Mayfield: Advanced Geometry, Physics I-II, Student Council Adviser, Regional Adviser of Garrett County Association of Student Councils, Assistant Athletic Director

Mrs. Maxine Miller: Assistant Principal

Mr. Monty Nock: Earth Science, Ecology, Activity Period (Ecology Club)

Mr. Matt Novak: World History, U.S. History, Civics

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amily and family times

By: Ary Bosley, Donnette Riley

Some teachers had many kids, and some didn't have any. No matter what, though, family times were really special.

"I have no children," Mr. Nikola Drobac said. "But when I graduated from the Universities of Pittsburgh and Southern California, my family had a reason to stand together and feel good about it."

One teacher had no children, but considered her pet a child. "I have no

children, just my beagle Roda," Ms. Jane Gibson said.

Although she had no children, she still had a memorable time with family. "I remember spending time with my mother, my brother and my three sisters a few years ago," she said. "We went to Atlantic City for my mother's birthday. It was a special time for us all."

"I have no kids," Mrs. Kim Kuhn said. "I do remember the Christmas my father carried all four of us down the stairs at the

same time," she said. "My little sister was three and my oldest brother was 13."

Forty-eight out of 74 teachers had kids of their own. Some of their kids were grown up and in college and some were still in grade school.

For example, Mrs. Sarah Steyer had two kids. "I have two children," she said. "One is grown and one is in the seventh grade."

"I have five children," Mr. Wade Grove said.

"I have children," Mr. Chuck Harkins said. "I

have around 160 or so. Biologically, I have two. Zachary is seven, and Nick is two and a half going on hellion!"

One teacher had a very special memorable time.

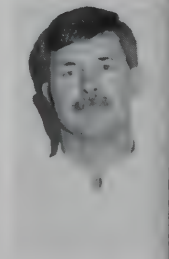
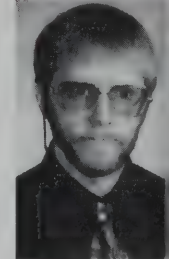
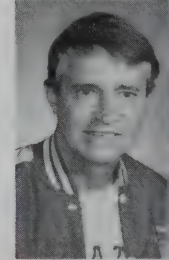
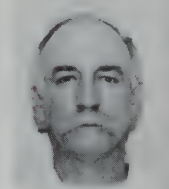
"I remember when my wife got her Master's Degree from the University of Maryland," Mr. Dave Bender said. "Our two children were there to see her get her degree at the graduation ceremony."

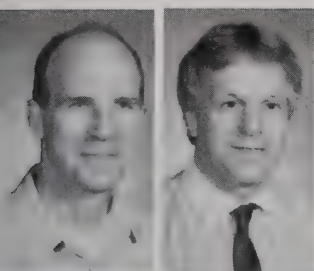
Kids or not, family and family time was greatly enjoyed.



Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Taliaferro enjoy a family vacation in British Columbia. "Butchart Gardens is one of the most premiere botanical gardens in the world, though it is very small," Mr. Taliaferro said.

Mr. Tom Woods, Debbie, Josh and Andy enjoy some quality family time together at a college reunion in 1982. "This was the fifth reunion of Spencer State and was the last year I coached wrestling," Coach Woods said.





Teachers and family times



"My wife, Pat, and I stand with our son Delbert II on his wedding day. It was a very special time for our family."

Mr. Delbert Liller



"In my spare time I help my husband, Lonnie, in his dentist office. I enjoy helping because I can spend time with him." Mrs. Kuhn is shown working on Tim Upton as she "practices up on her skills."

Mrs. Kim Kuhn



Mr. Doug Oxford: Psychology I-II, U. S. History, World Affairs Team

Mr. Tom Powers: Auto Mechanics, Soccer Coach, Senior Class Adviser, VICA Adviser, Activity Period ("Been There, Done That")

Mr. Fred Pratt: English, Activity Period (Chess Club)

Ms. Sonia Pratt: Art I-IV, Studio, Activity Period (Art Careers)

Mr. Robert Quick: Assistant Principal

Mrs. Linda Reeves-Cook: Art I-II, Crafts, Activity Period (Photography)

Mr. Arthur A. Refosco: Principal

Ms. Rose Ann Riley: Guidance Secretary

Ms. Cindy Ringler: English I, Activity Period (Cartoon Show Time)

Ms. Beverly Serpone: Guidance Counselor 11-12, College Bound

Mr. Barry Shaffer: English 10-12, Activity Period (English Tutoring)

Mrs. Mary Ann Shipe: Home Economics, Food Service, VICA, Senior Class Adviser, Activity Period ("Been There, Done That")

Mrs. Carol Slagle: Pre-Algebra, Algebra, Geometry, Activity Period (Math Tutoring)

Mrs. Sandi Smith: Inst. Asst. Special Education, Activity Period (Cosmetology)

Miss Robin Spiker: English I-III

Mrs. Ann Stanley: Media Assistant

Mr. Don Stemple: PE 10-12, Health, Girls' Basketball

Ms. Barbara Steyer: CPA Assistant, Activity Period (Cosmetology)

Mrs. Sarah Steyer: Chemistry I-II, Activity Period (Chemistry Tutoring/Study Hall)

Mrs. Jeri Swartzentruber: Special Education, Activity Period (Equestrian Video-High School Rodeo)

Mr. Bruce Taliaferro: Computer Studies, Biology, Earth Science, Junior Class Adviser

Mrs. Rhonda Tasker: Resource Social Studies, Resource English, Band Advisor

Mrs. Athena Taylor: Accounting I-II, Word Processing, Computer Studies, Business Math, Sophomore Class Adviser, FBLA Adviser

Mr. Ben Thorn: Transition Teacher, Chorus Accompanist, Model Club Leader

Mr. Tom Woods: U.S History, Head Football Coach, Athletic Director

Mr. Christopher Zembower: Carpentry

Mr. James Zimmerman: Calculus, Algebra II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Math Dept. Head, School Improvement Team, Math Tutorial

Organizations offer 'a great learning and fun experience'

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outhern offered a variety of clubs and other activities for the students.

These clubs encouraged students to spend time with students with the same interests. **C**lubs also allowed students to participate in activities that deal with their special interests.

"**F**FA gives people a lot of opportunities to travel and meet people," Jennifer Barnard, junior, said. "It's a great learning and fun experience." **S**ome students got into clubs that dealt with their future goals. One club that encouraged this is Mock Trial. "**M**ock Trial is a challenging academic activity that tests your skills," Evie Bittinger, junior, said. **C**lubs were constantly participating in competitions that encouraged the students to work hard to achieve the most that they could.

"**C**lubs are a good idea," Amanda Miller, junior, said. "They give students something to do and teach them to work together." Clubs give students something constructive to put their time into. "**C**lubs are good because they keep people out of trouble," Erica Johnson, junior, said. **S**ome of the clubs participated in a lot of activities outside of Garrett County which allowed students to meet new people and get away from the everyday life of Garrett County. Clubs create a family of their own.

By: Elizabeth Sines

At a dance sponsored by the Student Council, Susie Mosser and her out of school date enjoy the music and the decorations. The dances sponsored by the Student Council were always a popular thing to attend.





The National Honor Society participated in The American Heart Association Bloodmobile. Students such as Steve Bargy and Adam White decided to participate in it. The blood drive was on school time and food was provided for those who gave blood.

As a member of the Colorguard, David Deem performs a routine for the audience at the Talent Show. This was David's second year in the Colorguard.



During the Autumn Glory parade, band members Crystal Tasker, Carrie Nine and Jenny Friend proudly played their instruments. The band is a club for those who are musically inclined and willing to put in a lot of time outside of school.



Rivalry with Southern, Northern reduced COUNCIL WORKS HARD ALL YEAR

To make sure students had something to do on weekends, the Student Council sponsored a Winter Homecoming to raise money. Katelyne McBee really knows how to boogie. "I had a lot of fun dancing with my friends."

By: Annie Ashby

"Student Council achieved a lot and I'm glad I have had the privilege to be a part of it for four years," Julie Caruso, senior, said.

The Student Council strived to eliminate the rivalry between Northern and Southern every year.

So, they decided to invite Northern Student Council members for an exchange at the school. Later, Southern's Student Council was invited to Northern to discuss ideas.

"I had so much fun at Northern because I met a lot of people and I felt at home there," Maggie Suess, junior, said. "I learned that Southern students are a lot more serious than Northern students."

Student Council members have also had a chance to attend and speak at a board of education meeting.

"The board of ed. members were very cooperative and they actually took into consideration the things we had concerns about," Karlo Gesner, sophomore, said.

The members went to Fallston High School in Baltimore for a legislative session to vote on different bills to be passed.

"I learned a lot about parliamentary procedure that I never thought I would understand," Lindsay Garriss, sophomore, said. "It was a very good experience for me."

Every year the Student Council

sponsored a Winter Homecoming for students.

They decorated all day for it and cleaned up afterward.

It was hard to have the dance because the Garrett County weather would not cooperate.

The dance was finally held on March 16, and over 200 students attended.

In May, Student Council members went to Baltimore for a Maryland Association of Student Councils convention.

They stayed in Baltimore for three days.

The MASC convention has been held in Ocean City in the past, but due to a change in sponsors the convention was held in Baltimore.

"The convention was great, but I felt stupid because there were people my age there who seemed to be 30 years old," Katy Ashby, Southern Middle School student, said.

Exchange with
Northern, member on
bd. of ed., sponsor
homecomings and
bloodmobile keep
council active all
year long

The last event sponsored by Student Council was the Blood Mobile.

Representatives from the Red Cross came to the school to take blood from volunteering students and teachers.

The Blood Mobile was a definite success: 85 people showed up, only eight people were deferred, 78 donated, and of all of these people 50 were first time donors.

"It felt good to know that we were helping the Red Cross," Autumn Newcomb, junior, said. "I had to serve people food when they were finished giving blood."

The Student Council has been very successful in achieving its goals.





"THE NEEDLE DIDN'T HURT very much and I think everyone should give blood because giving blood helps save lives in our community," Tim Upton said as he is waiting patiently for the nurse to stick the needle in his arm.

WORKING HARD DECORATING for the homecoming dance are Rachel Farmer, Meghan Mou and Meredith Martin. "It was a lot of fun decorating for homecoming, but I hated having to get up early to do it, and cleaning afterward," Meredith said.



TO GIVE BLOOD the students must have weighed at least 105 pounds. Unfortunately, 106 pound Misty Reckart could not give enough blood. "Even though I didn't give enough for them to use, it was still a good feeling to know that I was trying to do something that could really help someone out."



"I LOVED **HELPING** the blood donors and sitting at the table with all the goodies," Lauren Newcomb (right) said as she and Autumn Newcomb serve food and help people walk to the table after they gave blood.



A RED CROSS NURSE is asking Adam White questions to make sure his blood history is OK. "The worst part about giving blood was answering all of those stupid questions."

Front Row: Kandice Shomo, Secretary Maggie Suess, Krysta Stacy, President Hillary Garriss **Row two:** Sean Conroy, Andi Bender, Hilarie Wampler, Katrina Thayer, Julie Caruso, Autumn Newcomb, Lauren Newcomb, Rachel Farmer, Meredith Martin, Meghan Mou **Row three:**

Howard Crosco, Whitney Meyers, Teri Halterman, Jessica Murray, Nathan Rickman, Andy Woods, Chad Mellinger, Karlo Gesner **Back row:** Advisers David Mayfield and Lowell Leitzel. Not pictured: Vice President Annie Ashby and Treasurer Sarah Fike



VICA does well at States and at the MD VICA SKILLS CHAMPIONSHIP

Missy Smith is smiling because she just won an award. She also won the safety notebook.

'It was quite an experience to go down state and compete;' 'We won all of our competitions'

By: Brandon Frantz

"VICA is a great organization," Christian Coviello, senior, said. "We accomplished a lot this year."

The Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) did very well at States and at the 1996 Maryland VICA Skills Championship.

The state placers and second place winners for the Opening and Closing ceremony were Andrea Devens, Jenny Panther, Kevin Andrews, Nathan McBee and Erika Durst.

"It was quite an experience to go down state and compete," Danny Nelson, senior, said.

The first place winners for the 1996 Maryland VICA Skills Championship included Allen Walker, Nik James, Coby Bolden, Jamie Bernard, Christian Coviello, Missy Smith and Jeremy Rohrbaugh.

"VICA has been fun because we won all of our competitions," Allen Walker, senior, said.

Other winners included Danny Murphy who received second place for

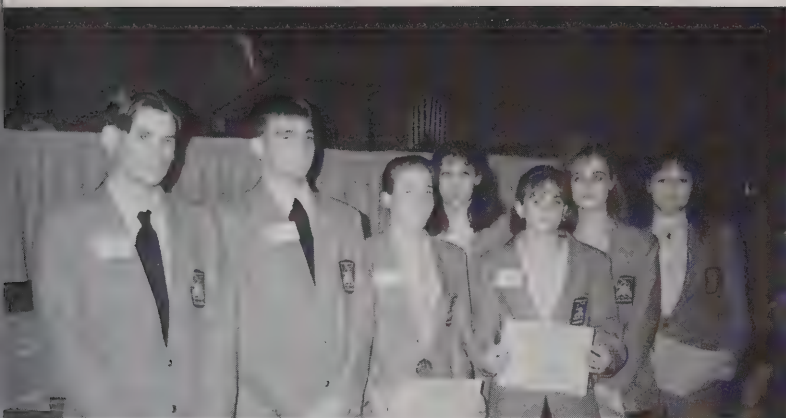
Chapter Display.

Jamie Bolyard received third place for Brick Masonry, and Missy Smith won the Safety Notebook.

VICA gave students the skills they needed to go on to use after they graduated.

CHARLIE WESLEY (right) is glad that he joined VICA because he wins a lot of medals. He has been a dedicated member of VICA for two years.





SHOWING OFF THE AWARDS they have won are Nathan McBee, Kevin Andrews, Erika Durst, Jenny Panther, Andrea Devens, Amber Wilson and Missy Smith. This group of VICA members did very well at the Opening and Closing ceremony.



REPRESENTING THE ELKS Club of Oakland, Mr. Bill Hogan hands Jeremy Rohrbaugh a check from the Elks Club to support VICA. VICA won many of their competitions. Others in the picture are VICA adviser Mr. Steve Cosner, Allen Walker, Nik James, Coby Bolden and Jamie Bernard.



Front row: Amber Wilson, Toni Lewis, Missy Smith, Christian Coviello, Nathan McBee, Jenny Panther, Andrea Devens **Row two:** Alan Davidson, Dan Murphy, Cobenn Bolden, Kevin

Andrews, Todd Gibson, Jeremy Rohrbaugh, Dan Nelson **Back row:** Ray Cummings, Aaron Lucas, Jamie Bernard, Jason White, Kevin Shaffer, Dan Skipper, Charlie Wesley, Allen Walker, Scott

Savage, Nik James, Jeremy Duckett, Dale Schoch, Mike Rohrbaugh

FFA keeps busy all year long going on FIELD TRIPS AND A DONKEY GAME



Wayne Mayfield and a student from Flintstone High School are at the College Park Dairy Foods contest.

By: Brandon Frantz

FFA members were involved in many activities including the annual Donkey Basketball game against the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department.

"I liked doing activities and going on FFA trips, especially the Donkey Basketball game," Jamie DeBerry, senior, said.

FFA competed in many judging contests where they judged things like meats, dairy products and floriculture.

During National FFA week, FFA had promotions on the radio and made a bulletin board for the lobby to promote National FFA week. They also held the Donkey Basketball game during National FFA week.

"I like going on FFA trips and I like showing my market hog at the fair," Jamie Bolyard, senior, said.

FFA taught students leadership and various skills to go on to use after school.

"FFA is a great way to develop leadership qualities and gain experiences that will help you in the future," Jennifer Bernard, junior, said. "We compete a lot and that makes all the practices and study sessions we have worthwhile. We do a lot of really fun things and we are not just about farming and cows and crops."

FFA members also did landscaping around the school as a project.

"I like bringing my round bails of hay to school to show that I am proud to be

'FFA is a great way to develop leadership qualities and gain experiences that will help you in the future'

in the FFA," Terry Broadwater, senior, said.

Mr. Steve Kisner, adviser, got a lot of help from his students in and out of school.

"I like to help Mr. Kisner out with FFA after school," Marshall Neel, junior, said.

"I have really enjoyed working with this terrific group of FFA members," Mr. Kisner, said. "They have helped me in many ways."



FFA MEMBER TAKE a moment out of their busy schedule to pose for a Christmas picture. FFA members participated in many activities.

ALLEN MASON TRIES to catch up on his reading while Mr. Steve Kisner teaches. Allen took part in the Food for America program.





PREPARING TO SHOW his cow at the Garrett County Agricultural Fair is Wayne Mayfield. He also judged dairy products at the spring judging.

NORTHERN'S VERNON PAUGH and Southern's Jamie Bolyard at the State VICA competition in masonry.



Front row: Erin Rush, Jennifer Bernard, Susan Paugh, Susan Mayfield, Michelle McCartney, Jamie Bolyard, J.D. Mellinger, Royce Moreland,

Chad Baker, Terry Broadwater **Back row:** Mr. Steve Kisner, Wayne Mayfield, Bobby Schmidt, John Reams, Doug Rumer, Jamie DeBerry, Shad

Green, Allen Mason, John Richards, Bruce Warsaw, Terry Hebb



88 percent & above GPA recognized HONOR SOCIETY HELPS OTHERS

A motion to adjourn the National Honor Society meeting excites Andy Woods so much that Kevin Andrews needs to get out of the way. "I love having the privilege to motion to adjourn the meetings, it just makes it so exciting to be the first to say it."

By: Annie Ashby

"I enjoy National Honor Society, even though I usually sleep in and miss most of the meetings," Andrew Woods, senior, said. "It's good that we try to help a lot of the local organizations."

Students had to maintain an 88 percent grade point average to be inducted into the National Honor Society.

Students obviously had been working a lot harder because of the large number of students nominated for the honor society.

"I'm honored to be chosen for National Honor Society, but I'm just struggling to keep my grade point average up," Megan Redinger, junior, said.

Mr. Lowell Leitzel said that working with the National Honor Society has been a challenge.

Having 35 seniors and 38 juniors as members of the local chapter made arranging meeting times and places and planning activities somewhat difficult.

The seniors planned a car wash in late October, but due to so much snow in Garrett County they were not able to go through with it at that time.

The seniors did successfully plan and carry out the induction ceremony for new members in early December.

Several senior members also helped with the annual Rotary Christmas Project, and others have volunteered to be peer tutors.

"Our peer tutoring program is an ongoing activity which we need to publicize more," Mr. Leitzel said.

The peer tutoring program was designed to help students who were struggling with any school work.

Some of the National Honor Society members volunteered to help students in need.

"National Honor Society provides a lot of services to the community," Nicole Bosley, senior, said. "In the past two years we have donated money to the American Heart Association and helped build the fitness trail at the Garrett County Memorial Hospital."

Once the new members were inducted, the decision was made to have two sets of meetings, one for senior members and another for junior members with the chapter president, Megan Battista, chairing both meetings and a few junior members attending the senior meetings as lessons.

"Having separate meetings for jun-

Large number in honor society shows determination, hard work as well as helping others through peer tutoring

iors and seniors has worked fairly well," Mr. Leitzel said.

The honor society planned another car wash for April to raise money for the Garrett County AIDS Council, and a Saturday workday to clean up the school grounds.

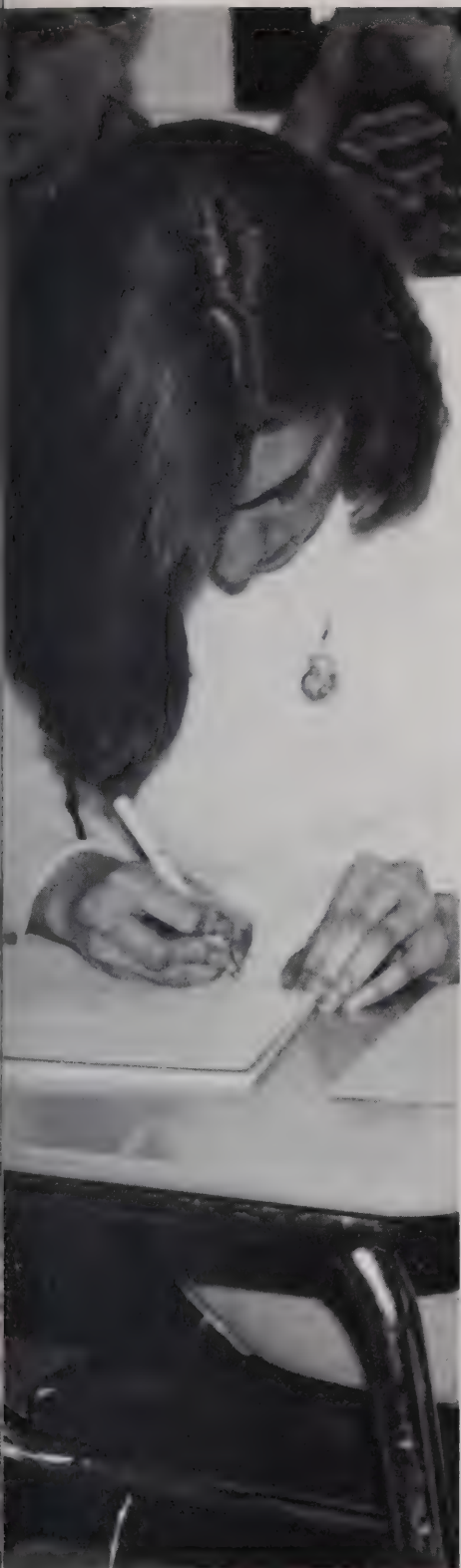
Being a National Honor Society member helped students for the future and also aided students getting into college and the volunteer work helped students to get jobs easier.

"As president of the honor society, I could 'fine tune' my leadership skills as well as represent a great academic club that provides service to the school and to the community," Megan Battista, president, said.



Junior National Honor Society: Front row: Meghan Dabney, Christy Reams, Kandi Ashby, Rita Powell, Abby Hershman, Lauren Newcomb **Row two:** Abby Nichols,

Janice Plauger, Amanda Miller, Sindy Niner, Joy Sisler, Evie Bittinger **Back row:** Nathan Rickman, Tim Jeffreys, Kim Rosenthal, Matt Sincell, Sara Murray, Melanie Cook, Jimmy Brown Not pictured: Megan Redinger



WORKING HARD, Jenny Finkel is making sure she gets everything written down for her secretary's report. "I volunteered to be the recorder for National Honor Society because I like to feel responsible for making sure everyone, including myself, knows what's going on."

NOT WANTING TO MISS anything, Rita Powell, Danielle Jackson and Lauren Newcomb are paying attention to what Adviser Mr. Lowell Leitzel says. "National Honor Society is a great and fun organization that tends to the needs of the community and I am very glad to be a part of it," Rita said.



MR. LOWELL LEITZEL IS HARD

AT WORK trying to get a car wash planned because due to bad weather it was difficult to set a date. "The car wash will be held on May 25, unless we get snowed out," he said sarcastically.



SITTING PATIENTLY, Nicole Bosley and Julie Caruso wait for Andy Woods to jump up and motion to adjourn the National Honor Society meeting. "Being in National Honor Society was great and I would like to thank Andy for adjourning all of our meetings," Julie said.



Junior National Honor Society: Front row: Catherine Dixon, Tracy Upole, Danielle Jackson, Kim McBride, Adam Chorpennig **Back row:** Josh

Teets, Matt Paugh, Pat Forman, Jenny Finkel, Adam Herbert



Senior National Honor Society: Front row: Erin Long, Julie Caruso, Jennifer Pariseau **Row two:** Annie Ashby, Hillary Garris, Jennifer Harvey, Jackie Kimble,

Frank Kratofil, Christian Coviello **Back row:** Pat Callis, Jason Hamrick, Andy Woods, Jason Sweitzer, Allen Walker, Jamie Bernard, Jeremy Rohrbaugh



Senior National Honor Society: Front row: Katrina Thayer, Angela Shaffer, Kristi Stemple, Jenny Panther, Meghan Battista, Nicole Bosley, Mandy Rush,

Krysta Stacy **Row two:** Alisa Rugg, Nik James, Todd Howard, Kevin Andrews, Erika Durst, Lori Evans, Todd Gibson **Back row:** Joel Getty, Danny Murphy



Once every two weeks, a change came ACTIVITY PERIOD OFFERS CHOICES

Manager of High Mountain Sports, Mr. Steve Green, explains the process of tuning up skies to Mr. Bill Freyman's Activity Period. Mr. Green came in a couple times and brought in skies, snow shoes and mountain bikes.

'I love Activity Period because it brings a chance for students to enjoy a hobby or activity they enjoy participating in'

By: A. J. Fleming

Once every two weeks, freedom came for high school students!

"I love Activity Period because it brings a chance for students to enjoy a hobby or activity they enjoy participating in," Jason Bernard, sophomore, said.

Students seemed to be bored to death, but finally the day was here to have some fun.

Regular classes were shortened to allow a 60 minute period where students could do something differently.

Various Activity Period topics could be selected according to the student's preference, ranging from a Snowboarding Club, Three Stooges-Movie Club, Mountain Bike Club, Spirit Club and a Fly Tying Club for making trout flies.

Another Activity Period topic that was selected by Student Council members was the Student Council Activity Period, headed by President Hillary Garris.

"I love Student Council Activity Period, because it is the most exciting thing that happens every two weeks," Julie Caruso, senior, said.

Another popular topic that many students selected was Mr. Monty Nock's Environmental Club.

"I love Mr. Nock's Activity Period, because I have so much fun in there setting up displays in the display case and learning how to improve the environment," Audrey Sweitzer, senior, said.

Regardless of the Activity Period, al-

most every student seemed to enjoy the freedom, but those in study halls. Student who didn't chose an activity were placed in a study hall.

"I hate being in study hall because it is so boring," Beth Rumer, senior, said.





JARED BECKMAN TIES a trout fly in his activity class. Jared is one of nine students who took this activity taught by Mr. Duane Ford.



AN ACTIVITY PERIOD project for Andy Teter was working on the Gateway 2000 computer.

STUDENTS PLAY THEIR INSTRUMENTS during an Activity Period. Band students could take Stage Band as an activity to keep playing their instruments during the off-season during the winter.



IT SEEMS AS IF Mr. David Bosley is winning as Mr. Bosley and Joe Friend play chess in activity class. Joe maintains his comforting smile.



FRESHMAN GIRLS, Devon McClive, Tony Sullivan and Becky Newman, check out the various dresses in the Cosmetology activity class.

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ore went on in the classroom than
one could ever be imagined.

Projects, homework, group work and themes were a few of the many things teachers come up with. “I like to have students work in groups because it makes it easier for those who don’t understand,” Mrs. Sarah Steyer, chemistry teacher, said. “Those who understand can help those who don’t understand.” Some students enjoyed working in groups and doing the projects teachers invented. However, some students did not. “I disliked the second term (Mr. Tom) Wood’s project for US History the most because it was too comprehensive,” Terri Holtschneider, junior, said. “Since it was toward the end of the year, it was hard to get time to work on it.”

Students were divided into four groups and assigned a decade (50’s, 60’s, 70’s or 80’s). Terri’s group was assigned the 80’s. Then students were supposed to research the decade, mainly the culture, and present it to the class.

“Projects and research papers are very important part of our education,” Wesley Wilt, junior, said. “They help to enhance and increase our knowledge on the particular area you’re studying. I liked doing my research paper for English III on Sports Psychology and the theoretical approaches to it.”

Elizabeth Sines

In drafting class, Rusty Warnick and Michael Ritchey are working hard. Students felt that drafting was a class where students needed patience and lots of concentration.





In Mr. Bruce Taliaferro's science class, Amanda McDonald and Lisa Robinette make friends with his wife's snake, Stewart. Lisa said she liked snakes so, at least for her, the snake was a good idea to help with the project they were working on. Pucker up!

When students find themselves left with extra time that they can use for themselves, they may take time to read or work on homework for another class. Students like Deni Lynn Shaffer find it easier and more relaxing to read than to work on homework.



During electronics class, Dale Shock works carefully. Electronics took a lot of patience and concentration. "I don't take electronics because I don't need it for my future and I think it would be hard," AJ Fleming said.

A DIFFICULT RUN on their trumpets finds David Murray, Wesley Wilt, Mike Rohrbaugh and Daniel Shaffer practicing. "Some people don't realize how hard band is," Dan said. "It takes a lot of individual work."

CONCENTRATING ON THE RHYTHM, Katie Helbig plays the keyboards and the various other pit equipment. Members of the pit wore Vietnamese costumes and had to learn how to play many instruments.

BEFORE THEY COULD compete, Todd Gibson, Jackie Stanley and Carrie Filsinger had to memorize the five pieces of music to be played in the field show. "Waiting until the last minute to memorize music isn't a good idea, although it is a positive characteristic of the saxes," Jackie said.



Front row: Johnny Peterson, Aaron Mountain, Josh Peck, Aaron Janes, Nora Nichols, Paul Tepper, Danny Murphy, Scot Sines, David Peterson, David Nichols
Row two: Sean Cardiff, Jennifer Bernard (drum major), Robbie Broadwater, Reggie Ridder
Row three: Danielle Jackson, Maggie Suess, Bridget Nolan, Sara Sincell, Katie Helbig
Row four: Crystal Tasker, Karrie Nine, Jennifer Friend, April Leighton, Regina Mick, Amanda Mountain, Susan Mayfield, Hannah Paugh, Amanda Shaffer, Hilarie Wampler, Stephanie Hinebaugh
Row five: Daniel Shaffer, Brandon Peck, Wesley Wilt, Becky Ford, Rita Powell, Abby Nichols, Carrie Filsinger, Brandy Freeland, Jackie Stanley, Jennifer Script
Row six: James Gallagher, Josh Elmlinger, Mike Rohrbaugh, Shawnda Mayle, Arlinda King, Kristen Warnick, Anna Snyder, Chris Rondeau, Todd Gibson, Amy Snyder
Row seven: David Murray, Charlie Nolan, David Deem, Mary Tusing Whitney Myers, Teri Halterman, Beth Moon, Phillip Reams, Jason Uphold, Terri Holtschneider
Back row: Jennifer Grant, Megan Battista, Jennifer Shillingburg, Sarah Murray, Susan Paugh, Tiffany Holtschneider, Amanda Kisner, John Manning, Mika Myers, Krissy Hinebaugh





PERCUSSIONISTS Reggie Ridder, Paul Tepper, Danny Murphy and Scot Sines play their snare drums during practice. They gave the band a steady rhythm to march to.

SOME PEOPLE FIND IT HARD to walk and chew gum at the same time, but this came easy to Jennifer Script, April Layton and Regina Mick after they had to learn how to march and play.



With a lack of experience, talent pulled the band through and it became the youngest ever to be put

On The Field

AS HEADS ARE HELD HIGH

By: Carrie Filsinger

The band was one of the youngest ever to be put on the field.

At a time when depression could have overtaken the band due to a lack of experience, talent pulled through and heads were held high.

"We had some very talented young performers," Mr. Richard Clever, band director, said. "They did well against some very good bands."

The band considered trying again even when they just suffered a stinging defeat, their heart was ready to break and tears were streaming down their face.

They pushed a little harder even when their body screamed "stop," but the prayer in all their hearts was "please let this one be ours."

"It was very difficult to perform so well and give it your best and then end up losing," Adam White, senior, said. "I

realized that the pride that we had was our prize. We didn't need a trophy to tell us that we performed well, we knew it in our hearts."

The field show presented the musical magic of the Broadway Show, *Miss Saigon*.

"I felt doing *Miss Saigon* was a lot of fun and the story line had a lot of emotion," Teri Halterman, senior, said.

For four months, band members gave up their Saturday nights, while other teenagers were out on dates, so they could work their hearts out in front of 1,000 spectators.

"Giving up every weekend for competitions was a pain because I had less time to do other things that I wanted to do," Jennifer Shillingburg, senior, said. "It was worth it when we performed well in the show."

Band members knew that in order to get better they had to practice. Practice in band meant 14 hours a day in the summer down on the field during band camp.

Endurance went hand and hand with practice. Band members marched when they had blisters on their feet, were sick and every muscle in their body ached.

"Practice was hard but in the long run it really paid off," David Deem, junior, said.

Any free time was used for practice when someone could yell endearing statements such as "that's wrong" and "do it again."

"I knew that I could never quit because I always wanted to prove to everyone that I could do it, even when they thought that I couldn't," Jackie Stanley, sophomore, said.

Win or loose, pride was everlasting and the friendships carried band members through until the next competition.

"Band is a great way to make friends because we are together so much," Amanda Shaffer, senior, said. "I am friends with just about everyone."

STAGE BAND MEMBERS, such as Chris Rondeau, played half of their concert dressed up, but after an intermission came in with bathing suits on to give their "cool" relaxed look.

PRACTICING A FEW DAYS before the Stage Band concert, Josh Elmlinger plays his keyboard in the band room. Practices were every Monday night.

CHORUS MEMBERS SING at their annual spring concert along with the Stage Band. Mr. Richard Clever directs the group.



Chorus: Front row: Mr. Richard Clever, Erica Bray, Holly Wilson, Rachel Farmer, Kelly Murphy, Tracy Upole, Melissa Hauser, Kevin Tichinel, Jessica Tasker, Angie Reckart, Michelle Paugh, Crystal Virts, Mr. Ben Thorn **Row two:** Christy Hauser, Michelle Thompson, Bethany Smith, Deni Lynn Shaffer, Danielle DeWitt, Vicki Lloyd, Jennifer Shillingburg, Mike Taliaferro, David Peterson, Doug Tasker, Amanda Matthews, Audrey Sweitzer, Stephanie Sweitzer **Back row:** Julia Atkinson, Christina Guthrie, Laura Livengood, Krystal Sharpless, Josh Miller, Jamie Lloyd, Josh Elmlinger, Chad Ward, Jack Kight, Stan Rhodes, David Shillingburg, Robin Rhodes, Virginia Paugh, Jackie Mattingly



Stage Band: Front row: Jennifer Shillingburg, Phillip Reams, Chris Rondeau, Amanda Stieringer, Amy Snyder, Jackie Stanley, Brandy Freeland, Todd Gibson, Terri Holtschneider **Back row:** Adam White, Jason Durst, David Peterson, Kendra Sweitzer, Kendra Alexander, Beau Gibson, Kris Rohrbaugh, Daniel Shaffer, Megan Battista, Wesley Wilt, Tiffany Holtschneider, Josh Elmlinger, Amanda Stewart, Brandon Peck, Fawn Ferguson, Mike Rohrbaugh, Regina Mick, Charles Stoner, Mike Kahl, Curtis Johnson, Mr. Richard Clever





A RAIN STICK IS SHAKEN by Daniel Shafer during a Monday night practice. The rain stick is an African instrument used as a calming device.

A MONDAY PRACTICE FINDS Jackie Stanley, Brandy Freeland and Todd Gibson playing their saxes for the upcoming Stage Band concert.



As the Stage Band plays and the basketball players run out onto the court, the crowd

Goes Wild

WITH STAGE BAND PLAYING

"Playing at basketball games was a lot of fun because the crowd got into the music," Carrie Filsinger, sophomore, said. "When we played *Superstar* and the team ran out, everyone went wild."

This represented the thoughts of a Stage Band member when they played at basketball games to get the crowd psyched up. But what about from the basketball players themselves?

"I think the Stage Band is cool because it gets the crowd in the game," Scott Shahan, senior, said.

And how about from a fan? "I like the Stage Band before games because it pumps me up," John Ortiz, junior, said.

Most members of the Stage Band liked to perform for the public. It gave

them a change to perform their music talents with a different twist from concert or marching band.

But, some members weren't too enthusiastic about playing.

"The only reason I played in Stage Band was to replace Dan Murphy," Adam White, senior, said. "I did not like it as much as I thought I would."

Chorus was another group under Mr. Richard Clever's direction that performed for both the public and the school.

"Chorus was a lot of fun," Krystal Sharpless, senior, said. "The concerts we had were good and I think everyone enjoyed them."

Chorus sang at a Mettiki Coal Con-

vention at Silver Tree Inn, Deep Creek Lake, in addition to their annual Christmas program.

They worked with the county's Honor Choir composed of both Northern & Southern students. The concert was at Northern.

A Chorus concert May 24 in the cafeteria pretty much wrapped up the year for Chorus members.

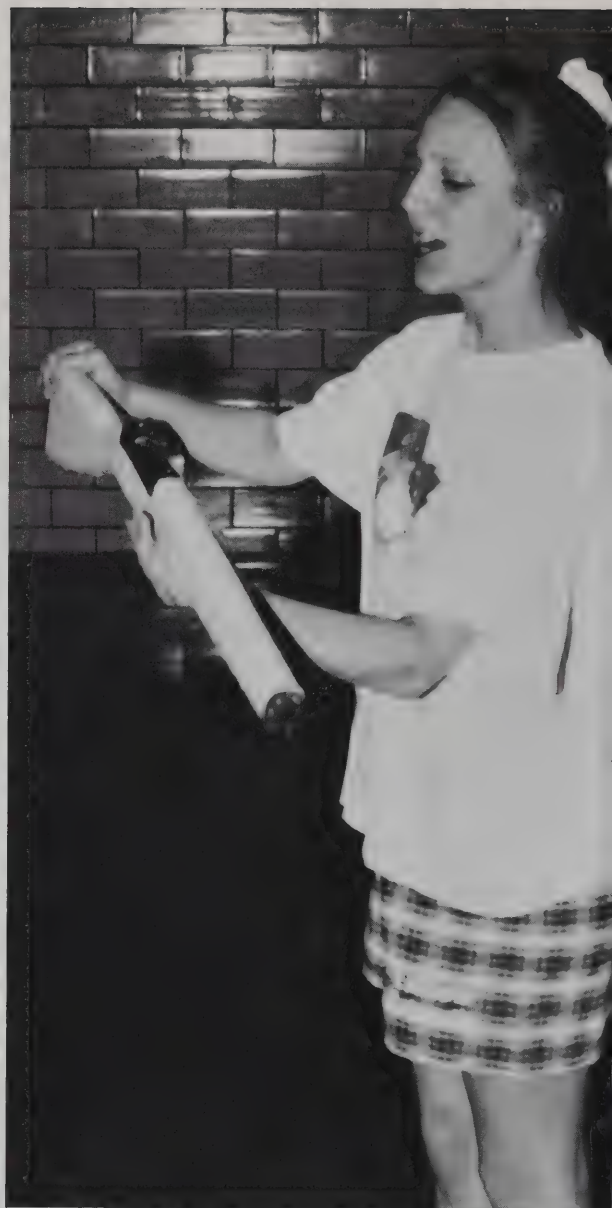
A final appearance was during graduation as both the Concert Band and Chorus provided entertainment.

"Chorus was pretty cool because I got to goof off with my friends," Laura Liven-good, senior, said, "but singing everyday got a little old."

USING THE ARMORY as their practice site, Maggie Suess is preparing to toss her rifle in practice.

"THIS YEAR WAS A FIRST year for *Unity* indoor percussion and it was fun to go to different places and see the other drumlines," David Nichols said as he plays his drums in the indoor percussion. "We did a lot better than I expected."

INDOOR PERCUSSION "*Unity*" members David Peterson, David Nichols and Sean Miller are playing the Quads.



Unity Front row:
Bridget Nolan,
Maggie Suess, Abby
Nichols, Sara
Sincell, Daniel
Jackson, Avery
Hamilton **Row two:**
Shawn Cardiff,
David Nichols, Phillip
Reams, Brandon
Peck, David
Peterson, Emily
Friend, Kendra
Alexander **Back
row:** Chaz Yommer,
Aaron Jones, Sean
Miller, Chris
Rondeau, Shawn
Herring, Josh Peck



Garrett Girls: Front row:
Amanda Mountain, Becky Ford,
Brandi Beitzel, Sara Sincell,
Maggie Suess, Anna Snyder
Back Row: Jenny Grant, Whit-
ney Meyers, Kristen Warnick,
Abby Nichols, Krissy
Hinebaugh, Beth Moon





"THE GIRLS ARE LIKE a second family to me," Jennie Grant said as she seems to be pleased about the show she just performed. But, Becky Ford looks a little tired.

"I'M GLAD I'M IN with the *Garrett Girls* because of the great competition," Sara Sincell said as she practices on her bells before a competition.



A percussion line and a winter guard made up of both Northern and Southern students made it a

Unique Group

READY TO WIN & THEY DID

By Rich Orr:

A percussion line made up of young musicians from both Northern and Southern high schools made a name for itself in the competition arena.

Fittingly named "*Unity*," the combined group performed music of the Broadway musical *Miss Saigon* and executed precision moves as well as moments of graceful dance during their show.

"This year was the first year for *Unity* indoor percussion and it was fun to go to different places and see the other drumlines. We did a lot better than I

expected," David Nichols, sophomore, said.

The drum line was in competition, although because the group was on the cutting edge of the developing competitive circuit, they were unopposed in the independent class.

Because they were made up of kids from two high schools, they were a unique competing group, not eligible for the high school division.

The *Garrett Girls* was a winter guard with members from Southern and Northern high schools.

"This guard started out sort of sluggish," Mr. Richard Clever, band director at Southern, said. "We never expected

to do so well. They are just fantastic."

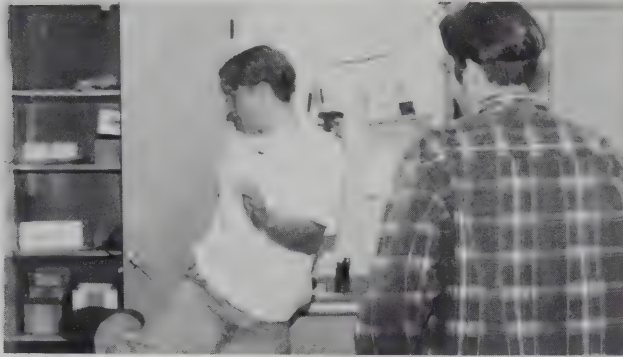
The *Girls* and *Unity* had undefeated regular seasons. They also won two chapter championships each.

"This was my first year on the *Garrett Girls*," Jenny Grant, sophomore, said. "It was a blast! The girls are like a second family to me."

"I have a lot of fun with the group and I'm glad I'm in with the *Garrett Girls* because of the great competition," Sara Sincell, sophomore, said.

"It's a thrill just to be a part of this," Mr. Blair Glass, instructor for the *Garrett Girls*, said. "Our goal was to make finals and we did."

WHILE WAITING FOR THE DISMISSAL bell to ring, Steve Goralski and Rich Orr are hacking. Hacking was the kicking of the hacky sack without touching it with one's hands.



AN OLD APPLE //E COMPUTER is being used by Maggie Hardesty as Erin Ball proofs the screen. Newspaper and year-book copy was then transferred to Macintosh computers for final layouts.



First semester: Seated:

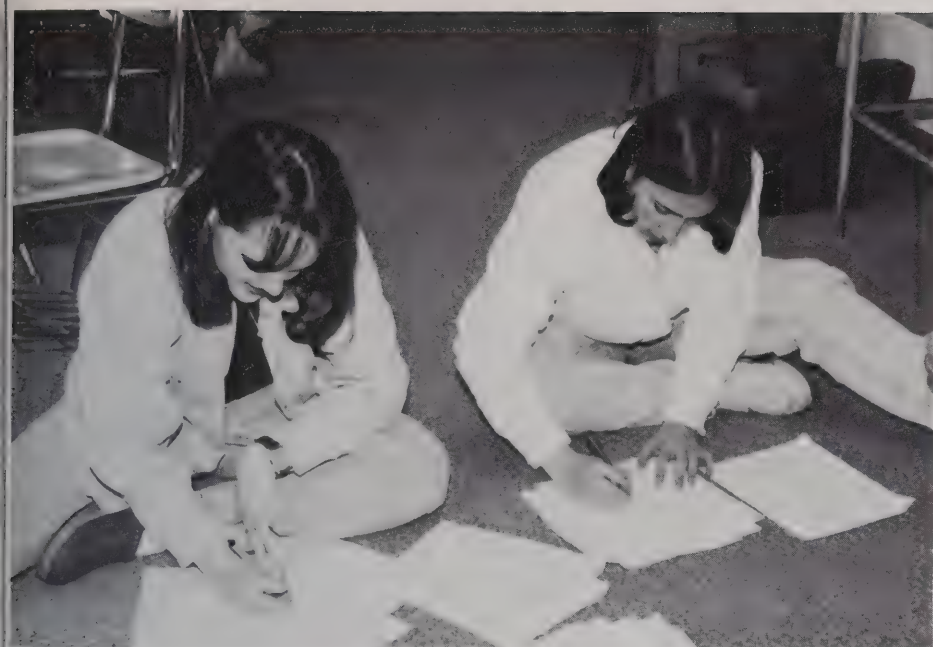
Megan Redinger, Jessica Getson, Kandice Shomo, Kerri Cannon, Laura Reams, AJ Fleming
Standing: DeAnna Murphy, Asya Stimak, Christy DeWitt, Abby Hershman, Erin Ball, Sharon Ringer, Maggie Hardesty, Jim Burns, Steve Goralski, Rich Orr, Belinda Burns, Elizabeth Sines, Audrey Sweitzer, Danny Riley, Beth Maroney



Second semester: Front

row: Liz Paesani, Annie Ashby, Megan Redinger, Michelle Teter, Carrie Filsinger, Erin Wampler, Liz Sines
Row two: A.J. Fleming, DeAnna Murphy, Kerri Cannon, Donnette Riley, Sharon Ringer, Krystal Sharpless, Laura Livengood, Deni Lynn Shaffer, Asya Stimak, Ary Bosley
Back row: Rich Orr, Stephen Goralski, Brandon Frantz, Mark Ludwig, Matt Walthall, Jimmy Brown





THE SENIOR EDITION of the *Acorn* required the counting of several hundred ballots to determine who was the worst driver in the senior class, who was most creative, etc. Sharon Ringer and Megan Redinger sit on the floor while counting such ballots.

THE SCHOOL'S MONTHLY newsletter is being stabled together by Audrey Sweitzer and Kandice Shomo. Both were preparing the 900 newsletters for bulk mailing.



It was actually interesting to have their writing printed in the newspaper so that

Over 900 kids COULD READ 'COOL' STORY

By: A. J. Fleming

For once, writing didn't seem boring like English. For most students in the Journalism class, it was actually interesting to have their writing printed in the newspaper.

"I think it's cool having an article you wrote printed on actual newsprint, so some 900 other students can read it," Dan Riley, sophomore, said.

Perhaps it was the feeling of pride that both writers and photographers alike had when their first picture was seen by other students, or the first article they had written was printed in the *Acorn* newspaper.

"I think it's wonderful being a photographer because you never have to write anything," Kerri Cannon, junior, said.

In the Journalism class there were so many more things to do than to just have articles written and pictures printed over and over again.

Ads for both the newspaper and the yearbook had to be sold by Journalism students, and DeAnna Murphy, the Editor-in-Chief of the *Acorn*, made sure all articles were typed and in the computer.

"I like being the editor-in-chief because I get to be the boss over inexperienced writers," DeAnna said.

Not only was DeAnna the editor-in-chief, but she also typed and did all layouts for the monthly newsletter during her journalism aide period.

In the Journalism room one student was needed to do all necessary ads for both the *Acorn* and the yearbook.

"I think it's cool working on a

computer doing ads because of the extremely cool graphics," Asya Stimak, business editor, said.

There seemed to be only one thing that got on the writers' nerves: the request of Mr. Doug Buckley, adviser, to write all yearbook articles in past tense since by the time the yearbook comes out, the event was over with.

"It seems almost impossible to write everything in past tense when you're living in the present," Audrey Sweitzer, senior, said.

So all in all, being either a writer, photographer, editor-in-chief or business editor, it seemed as if all students enjoyed their position in Mr. Buckley's Journalism class.

Most everyone agreed that it truly was more fun than English class with the exception of writing in past tense.

ERWANN DOUCE, Sophie Kerespars, Benoit Morvan-Poulizac, Solenn David, Anne-Gaëlle LeGrand and Anne-Carole Jannsens admire their flowers after the Welcoming Dinner.

MR. LOWELL LEITZEL'S fourth period class is the scene as Tanguy Kervadec plays solitaire. Playing cards was one way to relax after a day of American classes.

Front row: Chloé Breton, Claire LeBris, Sébastien Bot **Row two:** Madame Gwenaëlle Poras-Denécé, Anne-Carole Jannsens, Peggy Born, Anne-Gaëlle LeGrand, Jérémy Lebrouyer **Back row:** Solenn David, Benoit Morvan-Poulizac, Sophie Kerespars, Erwann Douce, Tanguy Kervadec, Erwann Douce, Sophie Kerespars, Benoit Morvan-Poulizac, Solenn David, Anne-Gaëlle LeGrand and Anne-Carole Jannsens.

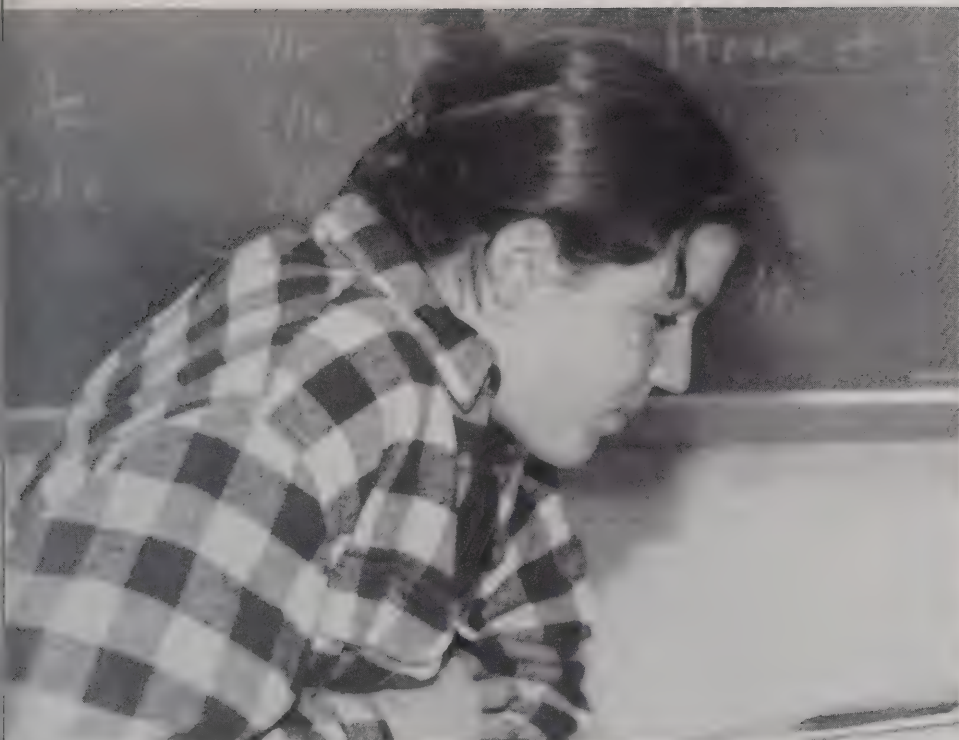


French exchange students and their hosts:

Erwann Douce/Rachel Lane, Sophie Kerespars/Jenny Finkel, Benoit Morvan-Poulizac/Shelley Winters, Solenn David/Liz Sines, Anne-Gaëlle LeGrand/Kerry Graybill, Anne-Carole Jannsens/Shannon Spurrier and Erin McClive, Peggy Born/Julie Eiswert, Jérémy Lebrouyer/Adam Chorpennig, Tanguy Kervadec/Matt Walthall, Chloé Breton/Eliza Coviello, Claire LeBris/Jasha Teets, Sébastien Bot/Jason Huber, Madame Gwenaëlle Poras-Denécé/Mrs. Rebecca Bittinger

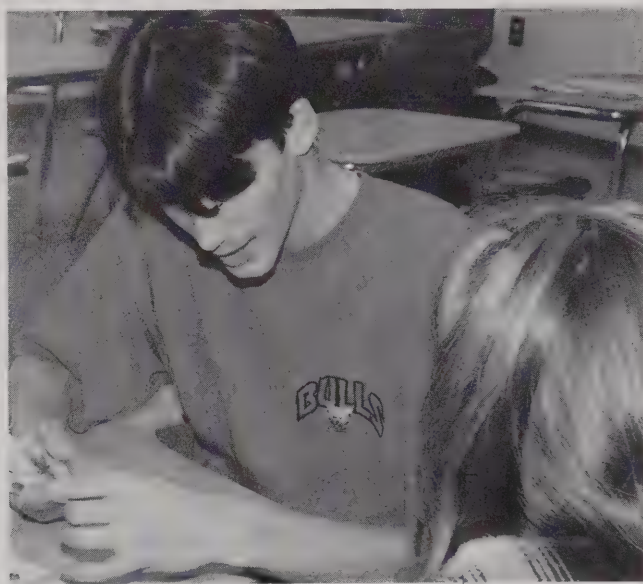
PARTICIPATING IN Mrs. Joan Lambert's German III class, Chloé Breton completes one of the many worksheets for the day. Throughout their stay, the French visited classes that interested them so they could get a feel for American education.





"IT WAS DIFFICULT TRYING to understand everything that was written, but the majority I understood," Anne-Carole Jannsens said as she attempts to read the May edition of the *Acorn*.

BENOIT MORVAN-POULIZAC shows Kerri Cannon how to play a French card game. "We had a lot to show each other and card games were only a small piece of that information."



The various questions asked and answers given seems odd during the annual

Fr. Exchange

STUDENTS VISIT

By: Jimmy Brown

Où est la bibliothèque? Est-ce que tu peux me les montrer? Le basket féminine est la meilleure équipe de l'école.

What was that language? French? What were they saying? Were they talking about me?

These were the questions that were heard throughout the halls from February 19 to March 8. During these dates, 12 exchange students and one teacher from France visited Garrett County.

"I was worried about having a French girl in my house," Jasha Teets, junior, said, "but the whole experience turned out totally different that what I expected though. She was a lot of fun to be

around."

The 13 exchange students came from Lycée Lesage in Vannes, France, and during their stay they participated in numerous activities including a trip to Washington, D.C., and a group ski night at the Wisp.

"In France there is more liberty to come and go from school," Anne-Gaëlle LeGrand said. "The courses here are longer but they are less intense than in France."

Benoit Morvan-Poulizac said that the days in school were long and tiring but overall everyone was very friendly.

"For the majority of the first week, Solenn (David) was really shy and wouldn't talk much," Liz Sines, junior,

said. "Now she has really loosened up and acts like one of the family."

In June, 12 students from Southern went to Vannes for three weeks and stayed with the same students that were hosted here.

"I am really going to miss the French," Rita Powell, junior, said. "Meeting and speaking to the French students showed me how little French I really know."

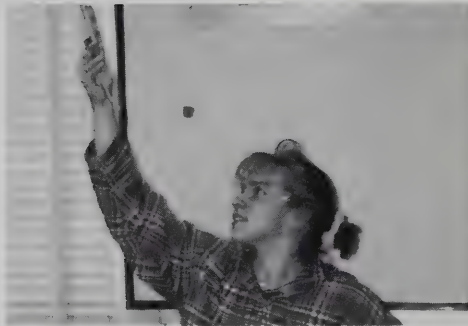
Chloé Breton said that she had a great time in America and hopes to come back again in June, 1997.

"The friendships I made while in America, I think will last a lifetime," Peggy Born said. "And I hope that they do."

JEREMY ROHRBAUGH, JASON White and Kevin Andrews are experimenting with the **Whimhearst machine**. "There was one time when Kevin put his nose in there; sparks were coming out and I was so scared," Jamie Bernard said.



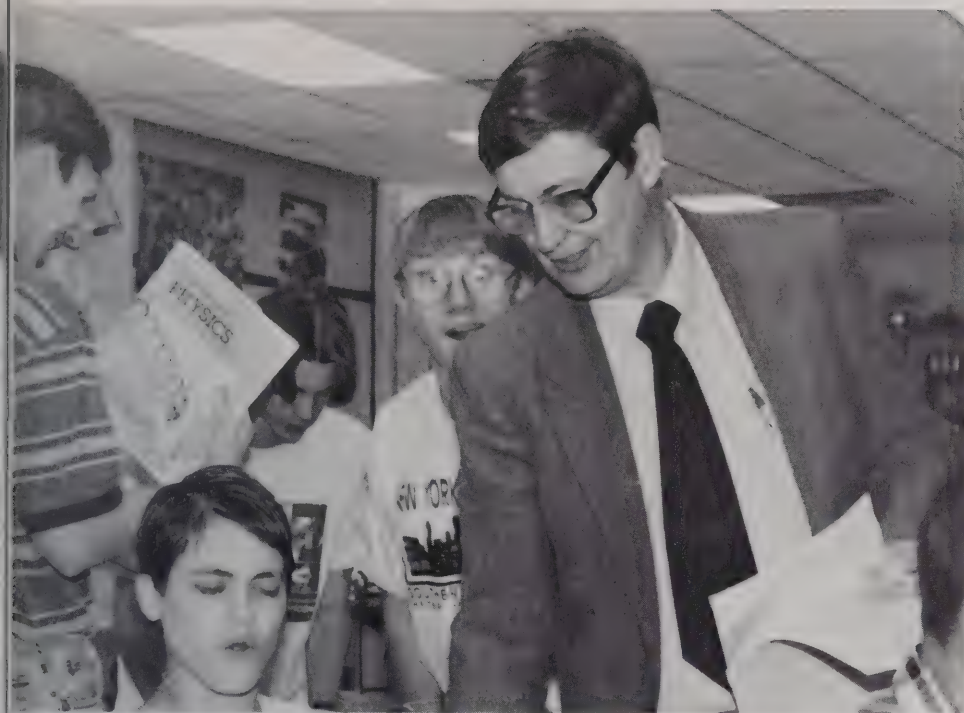
EXPERIMENTING TO SHOW the students how the earth's satellites remain in orbit, **Andrea Devens** is performing the **centripetal force apparatus experiment**.



USING THE CENTRIPETAL FORCE apparatus experiment, **Vicki Donham** is trying not to hit herself in the head. "In the beginning of Physics I was doing pretty well, but after awhile it got a lot harder. I do feel that I learned a lot, but it took a lot of studying."

ALL SMILES, Mr. Dave Mayfield congratulates **Jamie Bernard** on his final exam. Jamie received a 100 percent on the final.





REACTION SEEMS MIXED as Miranda Marple receives her final exam in her Physics class from Mr. Dave Mayfield. "All of the students did rather well on the final exam," Mr. Mayfield said.

KRYSTA STACY IS PERFORMING the centripetal force experiment. This experiment involved swinging the apparatus around the students' heads so they could witness the centripetal force.



If your interest is in swinging things over your head and playing with static electricity to get an

Electric Jolt

PHYSICS IS YOUR CLASS

By: Jimmy Brown

Did you enjoy swinging things over your head or playing with static electricity to get a jolt?

If you did, then Physics was the class to take.

Electrical current and perpetual motion were only a few of the numerous labs which the Physics class performed.

"I enjoyed being in Physics because we got to do neat labs, and Mr. (Dave) Mayfield was a great teacher," Julie Caruso, senior, said.

Physics, like most science classes, required a good bit of mathematics and had its own theories and laws to remember.

"Physics I was much easier than Physics II," Kristi Stemple, senior, said.

"Physics I dealt with math and Physics II is all based on theories which tends to get monotonous."

Nicole Bosley, senior, said that Physics II was a lot harder than Physics I, but Physics II had a lot more interesting labs.

"At first I was scared Physics would be too hard because I hate science, but later I learned that Physics was actually one of my best classes," Annie Ashby, senior, said.

In Physics students dealt with topics such as electricity, inertia and motion, forces of nature and physical mass.

"Physics is a pretty easy class as long as you do your work," Stephen Goralski, senior, said. "If you don't study or do your work, you will get lost."

Christian Coviello, senior, said that

he took Physics first semester and it rocked; it had to be the highlight of his high school career.

"We got to do fun, exciting and entertaining experiments," Christian said. "It was amazingly, amazing!"

Physics was a class for anyone interested in science and like any class Physics had its great moments and memories.

"There was one time when I was reaching beside me to tickle Kevin's (Andrews) back, and when he didn't jump or say that I was disgusting, I looked back and noticed that Mr. Mayfield had walked by at that moment and I had accidentally tickled him," Danny Murphy, senior, said. "He never said anything or looked at me oddly."

'WHAT TO DO' HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PROBLEM FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS

Garrett County has never been known as the place with much to do. However, in the next year, things will be improving. Mid-Town Cinemas in Oakland closed which means one of our biggest entertainments is gone. "I'm sad that the movie theatre is closed because there is nothing to do here," Mark Ludwig, sophomore, said. "When we find something to do, we either get in trouble or kicked out." For all moviegoers, don't worry – by this winter a new eight cinema theatre will be in at the Lake. A new McDonald's went in at Dry Dock Plaza near the Lake. The Ecumenical Youth Group performed *Godspell* at St. Peter's Parish Hall in Oakland for three nights plus a night for the people who helped finance the play and other special guests. "Whenever I am a part of something great like this, which takes a large time commitment, of course I am sad when it's over," David Peterson, junior, said. "I am glad though (about participating) because I have made so many new friends from the cast." David played John the Baptist, a character named David and Judas in the moving performance. Another car dealership came to Garrett County. *Castle Car & Truck Sales* was built across from Southern High. Also, a new car wash came in next to *Highway Express Gas Station*. *Bausch and Lomb* sunglass lens plant closed down for various reasons putting many people out of work. Elizabeth Sines

Castle Car & Trucks Sales opened across from Southern High. They only sold used cars. For their grand opening, they gave away a 1962 Thunderbird. Half of the building was initially a showroom and the other half was a house for the owners of the new business.





Garrett County is graced with another McDonald's. This one was built at the Lake (Deep Creek) which was found to be much more convenient for people who live there. Inhabitants of the Lake area won't have to travel 15 minutes to a McDonald's any longer.



Bausch and Lomb, one of Garrett County's highest employment businesses, is closing. *Bausch and Lomb* closed due to economic reasons. Over 600 employees were affected by the closedown.

A new car wash was put in next to *Highway Express Gas Station*. *Crystal Clean Car Wash* provided one day for senior citizens and one day for women with a dollar off the automatic car wash.



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Wishing over a car in the parking lot, Becky Ford and Kristin Warnick admire one they would like to have.

What's your favorite car?

By: Audrey Sweitzer

You were driving down the road and an Eagle Talon passed you. You turned around and wished that you had enough money to buy one.

Many kids had cars. Of course, the cars they had were not the cars they really wanted.

"I would love to have a Jeep, but by the time I get enough money to buy one I'll be too old to drive it!" Jennifer Harvey, senior, said.

"I love Mustang convertibles," Danielle DeWitt, freshman, said.

Lots of kids liked small sports cars or cars that everyone liked.

"Neons are my favorite kinds of cars," Laura Livengood, senior, said.

Other kids liked bigger, tougher vehicles.

"I like utility vehicles, such as Izuzu Roadies or Toyota Landcruisers," Hillary Garriss, senior, said. "I also like Explorers and Pathfinders."

Some kids favored trucks over cars.

"I would love to show up at school in a Dodge Ram truck," Krystal Sharpless, senior, said.

The taste in cars was definitely different between everyone. Some kids liked sporty expensive cars and some liked trucks and tougher vehicles.

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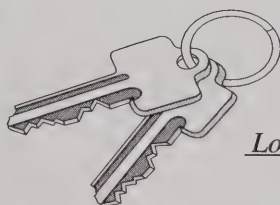
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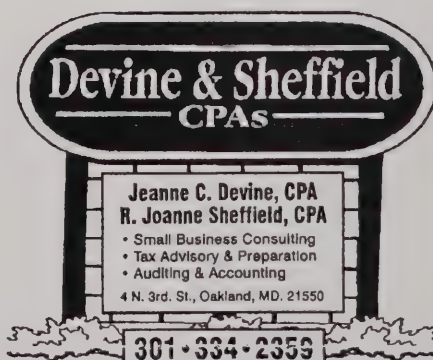


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Nightmare comes true

By: A. J. Fleming

The first day of high school came quickly! For some it was just another day at Southern, but for freshmen it seemed to be a nightmare come true.

For ninth graders, there were many changes in their school life! Many students at the school seemed to appreciate the change, while others tried to survive just one day at a time!

"I think the new changes at the high school are very interesting, especially activity period," Josh Teets, freshman, said.

Some young students just tried and tried to fit in to all the hustle and bustle, but couldn't

even pick an activity period. In fact the only activity period freshmen could seem to pick was study hall.

Oh yeah, and when freshmen attended the pep-rally, they seemed to get smashed in the floor by the senior stampede.

"I thought the pep-rally was awesome, but I got ran over by everyone," Josh Teets said.

Soon those freshman dreams will come true. The freshman class will finally reach the stage of maturity, and become upgraded to a sophomore.

"The only good thing about being a freshman is knowing that the next year a sophomore year waits ahead," Lenny Ford said.



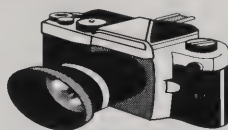
Amy Shope is one of the many freshmen that came to Southern this year.

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"Hacking is a fun thing to do in your spare time," Steve Goralski said as he and Rich Orr hack. "To get technical, hacking loosens up tendons in your leg and groin muscles. But hacking is just a fad. I hardly ever hack any more."

'Hacking' becomes popular

By: Steve Goralski

Hacking was becoming a very popular activity in the school and community. Almost everywhere you went, you could see someone hacking.

The basic object of hacky sac was to keep the hack up in the air using your feet or other parts of your body, but you could not use your hands.

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"Hacking is very cool, watching it and playing it," Danny Nelson, senior, said. "If you watch, you want to learn how to do the cool moves. It takes a little skill and coordination, but any one can do it. I enjoy it because it gives me something to do when I'm bored."

"Hacking is very fun and addictive," Richie Orr, senior, said.

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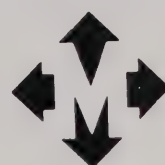
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Disease circulates in school

By: Kandice Shomo

There was an unidentified spirit disease circulating through Southern. Something happened to all the Ram fans and the rest of the student body.

It caught on at the beginning of the year and spread rapidly.

Not knowing what the causes of this disease were, an investigation was opened. All of the student body was questioned.

Some of the conclusions reached were very startling.

"I think that school spirit is up this year because our sports teams are doing so well,"

Audrey Sweitzer, senior said. "It is so much easier to be excited about and cheer for a winning team than cheer for a team which is not doing so good."

"All of the student body is much closer this year so we don't mind being ourselves even if it does make us look like fools," Christy DeWitt, sophomore, said.

Although it was possible for these theories to be correct, the real cause for this epidemic was still unknown.

If you have any information on this disease or if you were suffering from this disease, please contact us at 1-800-US-HELP.



As the excited fans await the score board to reveal Southern's second touchdown of the game, Jimmy Pamepinto, Kevin Andrews and Matt Ruff rejoice. The Rams went on to loose the championship game 14-12. However, it was a proud spirit-filled conclusion to a victorious season.

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Showing off her legs is Saretha Park. She wore her short shorts even though it was against the dress code.

We wear short shorts – or do we?

By: Abby Hershman

Was the dress code too strict? Did the students take advantage of it?

The dress code had been in effect for quite some time.

Students, especially the girls, did not agree with the dress code.

"I think the dress code is really stupid because almost all the girls have short shorts and they can't wear them because they'll get in trouble by the faculty and have to change

them," Amanda Miller, junior, said.

Some guys also disagreed with the dress code.

"Having a dress code is the most stupidest thing I have ever heard of," Nick Stonesifer, junior, said. "This is supposed to be the land of the free. Having a dress code does not sound like freedom to me."

The dress code consisted of the following: NO short shorts or skirts, tanktops, cut off shirts and no shirts promoting the use of alcohol and drugs.

Super Bowl XXX



Despite playing nowhere near their best, the Dallas Cowboys won their third Super Bowl in four seasons on January 18, 1996, beating Pittsburgh 27-17. And they did it behind the heroics of quarterback Larry Brown, whose career has been spent in the shadow of glamor guys named Troy, Michael, Emmitt and Deion.

"We did it! We did it! We did it!" exulted Coach Barry Switzer.

With this win, the Cowboys placed themselves in elite company. No team has gotten that many Super Bowl titles in such a short span.

These Cowboys, basically the same mix of stars and blue-collar workers who won twice under Jimmy Johnson, went just as far with the oft-maligned Barry Switzer.

Switzer had a trying two seasons as Johnson's replacement. His every move was dissected, and when he goofed – as in the fourth-and-1 play at Philadelphia that was the low point in the season for Dallas – he was vilified.

Switzer, just like his outgoing, often outrageous players, has earned the right to brag.

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The long and winding road was yesterday.
Here, there and everywhere, across the
universe, let it be just like starting over.
May your life be a magical mystery tour.

Love,
*Dad, Mom, Danny, Grandpap, Grandma &
Aunt Rita*



Jason Huber

From the first to the last
You made it all the way
Congratulations Rebekah

Love Mom, Dad & Family



Rebekah Spiker

We are very proud of
you.
Continue to follow your
dreams
All our love,
Mom, Dad & Nikki



Royce Moreland

Congratulations Audrey:
We are so very proud of
you. Best of luck in the
years ahead, May you
get all you want out of
life and knowing you,
you will! God bless you,
Audrey, we love you!

*Dad, Mom and
Stephanie*



Audrey Sweitzer

Stephen,
Congratulations!

We love you!

Mon, Dad, Michelle & Kevin



Stephen Goralski

From the time you played
the drums on a trash can, I
knew you had a "little bit of
soul!" And that soul is
evident in everything you
write and everything you
play!
We're so proud of who you
are!
Love, Mom Emily and Beth



Josh Elmlinger

We are so proud of you for
everything you have done.
May all your dreams come
true. We love you very
much.
Lots of love,
Mom, Dad, Barbie & Robbie



Teresa Nelson



Before a dance, backs of heads are being shown by Stephen Goralski, Rich Orr and Nathan McBee

As I Reminisce

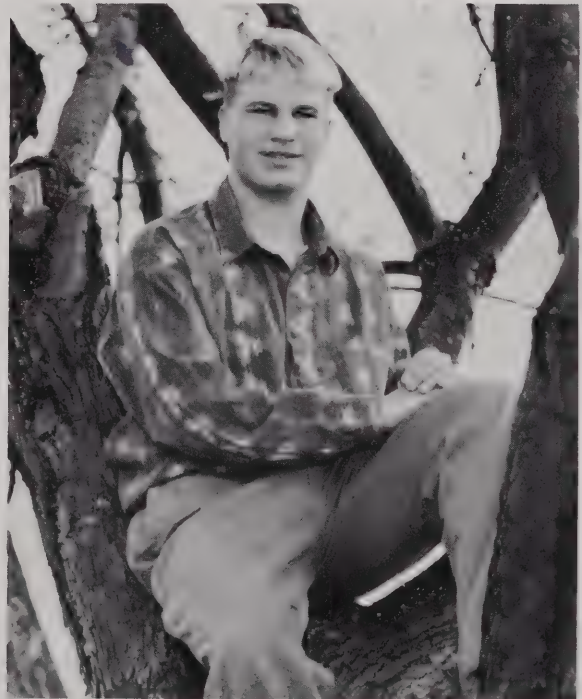
Reminiscing now of another time
When you were wee and new,
And squirmed your way into my heart
As little children seem to do.

So very swiftly the years pass
And all too soon you're grown.
A fine young man, rushing on
To dreams and plans you've sown.

Take time, too, to reminisce
Of happy times we've known,
And remember this, "I love you,
You are my very own."

Helen C. Fitzwater

To Robbie,
with love, Grandma Fitzwater



Robbie Swiger

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Bob Dole campaign

"Why do you want to be president?" asked the TV host.

"Every country needs a president," replied Republican Senator Bob Dole.

In April, 1995, the Kansas Senator became the sixth Republican to formally declare his candidacy for the move to the White House in 1996.

This is the third presidential attempt for Dole, who unsuccessfully ran in Republican primaries in 1980 and 1988.

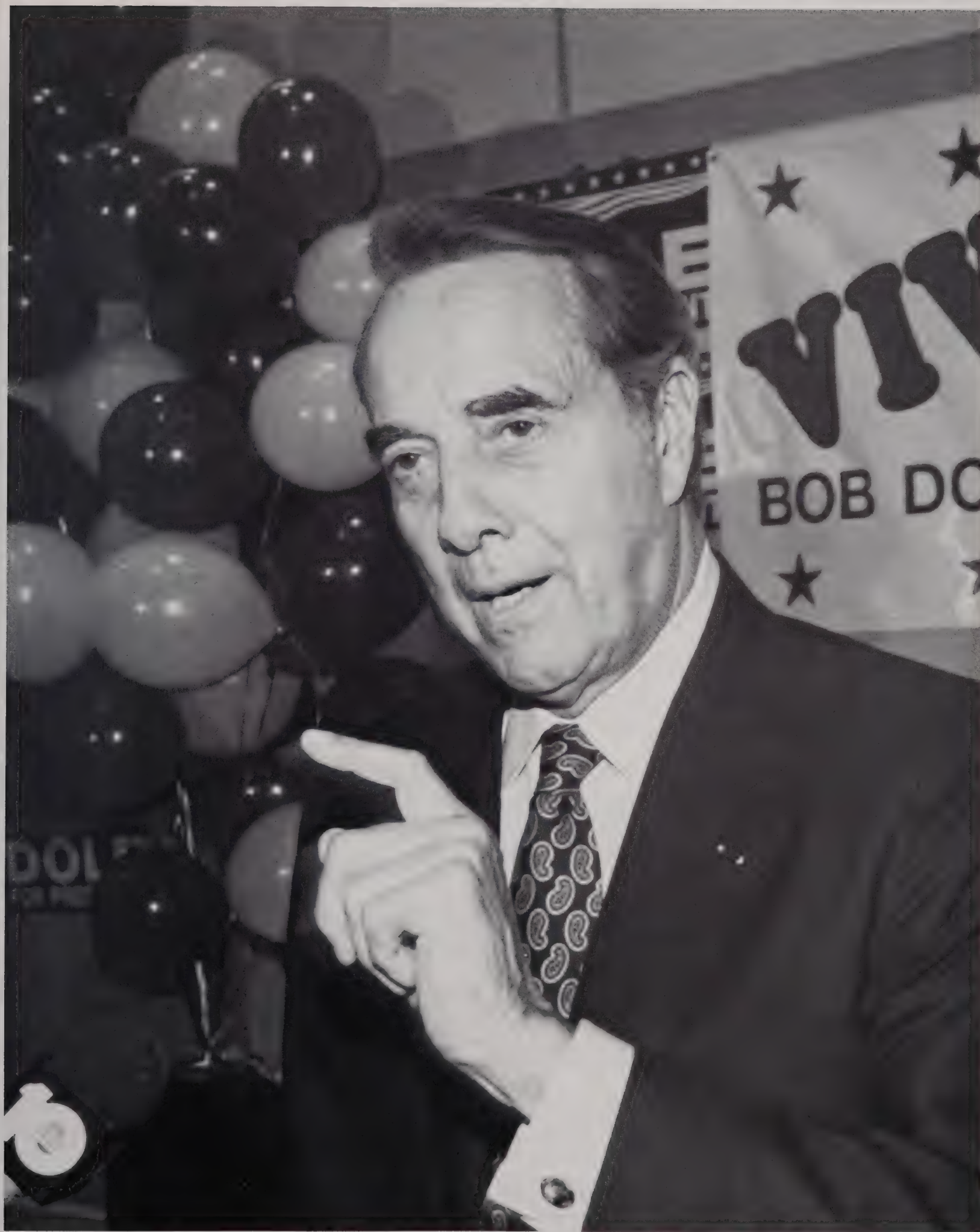
His intention is to cut taxes, balance the budget and "lead America back to her place in the sun."

Dole began his political career in 1951, serving in the Kansas legislature. He served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1961 through 1969 and has been a U.S. Senator since.

He resigned that Senate seat early this summer to devote his entire time to running for the presidency.

Dole's latest bid to become president does not have precedence on its side – only three times have sitting Senators been elected President.

Age is another factor that may discourage voters. If elected, Dole would be 73 years old upon entering office. This would make him the oldest newly elected president in history.



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President Bill Clinton's campaign

President Bill Clinton entered the third year of his term as no president has done for 40 years – with a Republican Congress. As he began this third year, he resolved to “put aside partisan differences.”

The Senate passed a bill that cut \$16 billion from various social programs while sparing other items favored by Clinton.

Although the president called the bill “the model of how we can work together,” the gap remained wide over such issues as tax cuts, balancing the budget, welfare reform and spending reductions.

Although cautious in dealing with the new Congress, Clinton has raised his profile and taken a firm stand on issues. He said he would try to work with the Republicans on their agenda, but would “no doubt” veto some of their proposals.

Clinton filed the necessary documents with the Federal Election Commission and made formal his candidacy for reelection this November.

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School Year

First day: August 28, 1995

Final day: June 6, 1996

Graduation: June 2, 1996

Days missed:

Nov. 15 – Snow
 Nov. 16 – Snow
 Dec. 14 – Ice
 Dec. 19 – Ice
 Dec. 21 – Snow, wind
 Jan. 8 – Snow
 Jan. 9 – Snow
 Jan. 10 – Snow
 Jan. 11 – Snow
 Jan. 12 – Snow
 Jan. 19 – Rain, flooding

Two-hour delays:

Nov. 29 – Snow
 Dec. 11 – Cold, wind
 Dec. 20 – Ice
 Feb. 2 – Cold
 Feb. 12 – Snow, wind
 Feb. 13 – Snow, wind
 Feb. 14 – Snow
 Mar. 28 – Ice

One-hour delays:

Jan. 3 – Ice
 Mar. 29 – Ice
 April 17 – Snow

Dismiss early:

Nov. 14 – Snow – 1 p.m.
 Dec. 18 – Ice – 2 p.m.
 Mar. 7 – Ice – 1 p.m.

Days waved:

Two days were not made up due to state emergency – went 178 days

Snow total:

Official total at Webers: **210 inches**
 Highest amount in over 100 years of keeping records in Garrett County

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It was Hillary Clinton's first visit to China, and she made it a memorable one.

In a speech to the United Nations's Fourth World Conference on Women, the first lady took on the world.

Her speech made a call for human rights and freedom of expression and she said that it was indefensible that many women who registered for the conference were denied visas or were unable to fully participate.

Mrs. Clinton surprised her audience and the host nation by rebuking Beijing for its treatment of private activists who said they were harassed by authorities during a parallel forum held in Huairou, China, just 30 miles away.

The conference platform called for measures to alleviate women's poverty, and to improve health care, job opportunities and education.

W O M E N



Our Town's prices

Arby's:

Roast Beef \$2.19

Pizza Hut:

Lg. Pepperoni \$12.59

McDonald's:

Hamburger 65 cents

1/4 Pounder \$1.95

Big Mac \$1.95

Milk: gallon \$2-\$2.35

Coke: 12 oz. can 50-60 cents

Medical Doctor visit: \$28

Pay phone: 25 cents

Sports admission: \$3

Postage stamp: 32 cents

Amoco gasoline: lowest \$1.319/gal

Publications:

Highlander Yearbook: \$40

Republican newspaper: 47 cents

Cumberland Times-News newspaper: 50 cents

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Newt Gingrich Speaker of the House

Newt Gingrich became the first Republican Speaker of the House in 40 years. The 51 year old Georgia Congressman had his sights set on this position even before he won a House seat on his third try in 1976.

Gingrich, narrowly elected as minority whip in 1989, saw his goal in reach when the GOP won a majority of Congressional seats and when Minority Leader Robert Mitchel declined to run for another term.

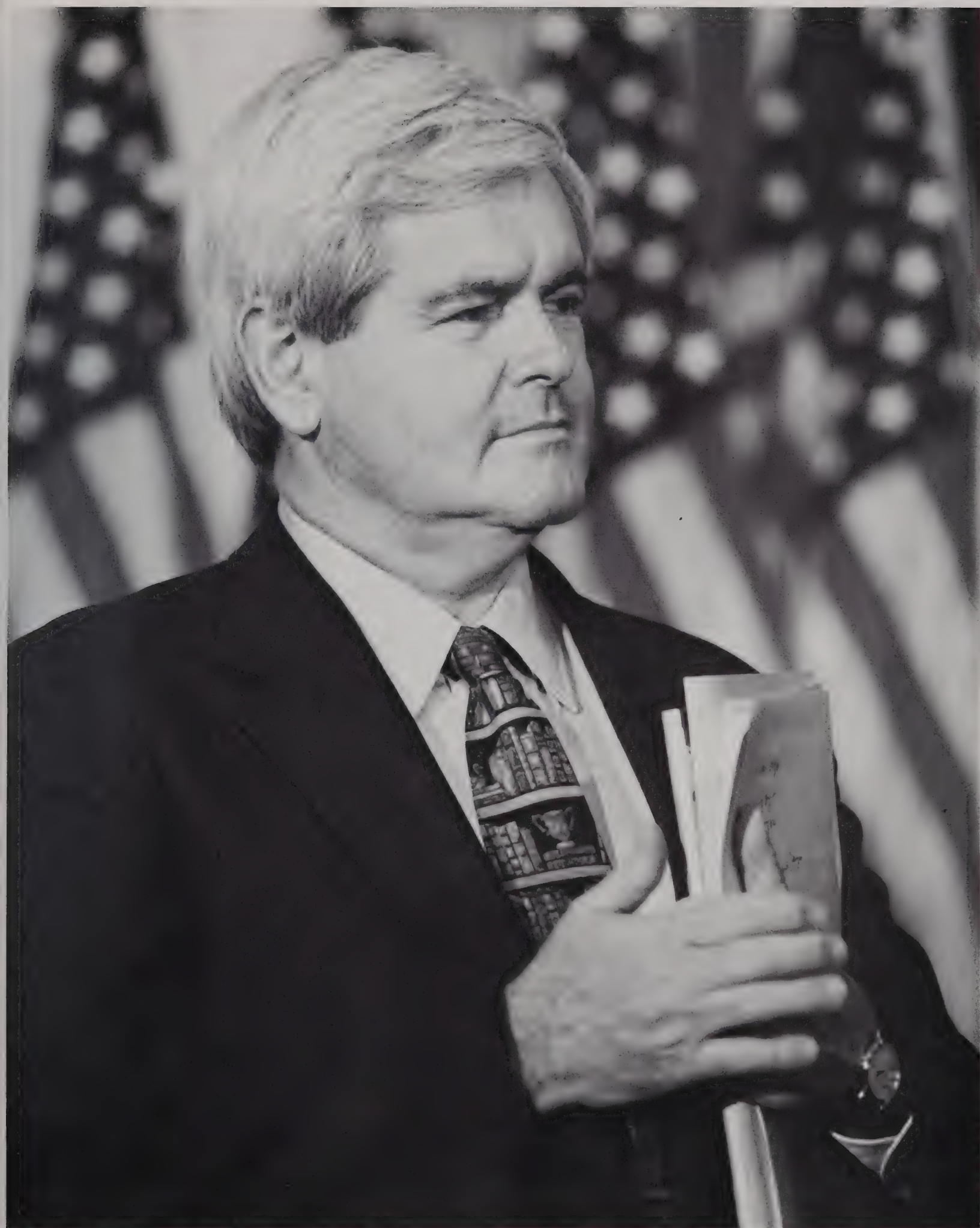
Gingrich has proven adept at grabbing headlines and preaching morality.

In 1989 he drove Speaker Jim Wright from office with relentless attacks of ethics violations.

In 1994 he alleged that one-quarter of the White House staff had recently used drugs, a charge that remains unsubstantiated.

Gingrich helped orchestrate the "Contract with American" as the GOP's national agenda in the 1994 election. It called for a balanced-budget amendment, welfare reform and an anticrime package.

His prime-time televised speech marked the first time a congressional leader received such coverage. In the address, he summarized the first 100 days of the new Congress.



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U.S. troops arrive in Bosnia

The first U.S. Apache and Blackhawk helicopters roared into Bosnia on December 14, 1995, a tangible sign of a NATO mission commanders said was on target and taking control of frontline positions.

While the eight American helicopters, part of the First Armored Division, were arriving in the northern city of Tuzla, the headquarters for U.S. troops, French soldiers were extending control in Sarajevo, where a curfew was lifted for Christmas Eve and Christmas day.

French troops seized frontline checkpoints north of the city and took over part of a large resort in Serb-held Ilidza, west of Sarajevo, that is to become a NATO headquarters.

They also reached agreement with Serbs and the Muslim-led government on an initial pullback from frontline positions around the Bosnian capital.

In Sarajevo itself, the city's people strolled peaceful streets into the early morning. Hope came with Christmas.



Gaseous Pillars in M101
Hubble Space Telescope



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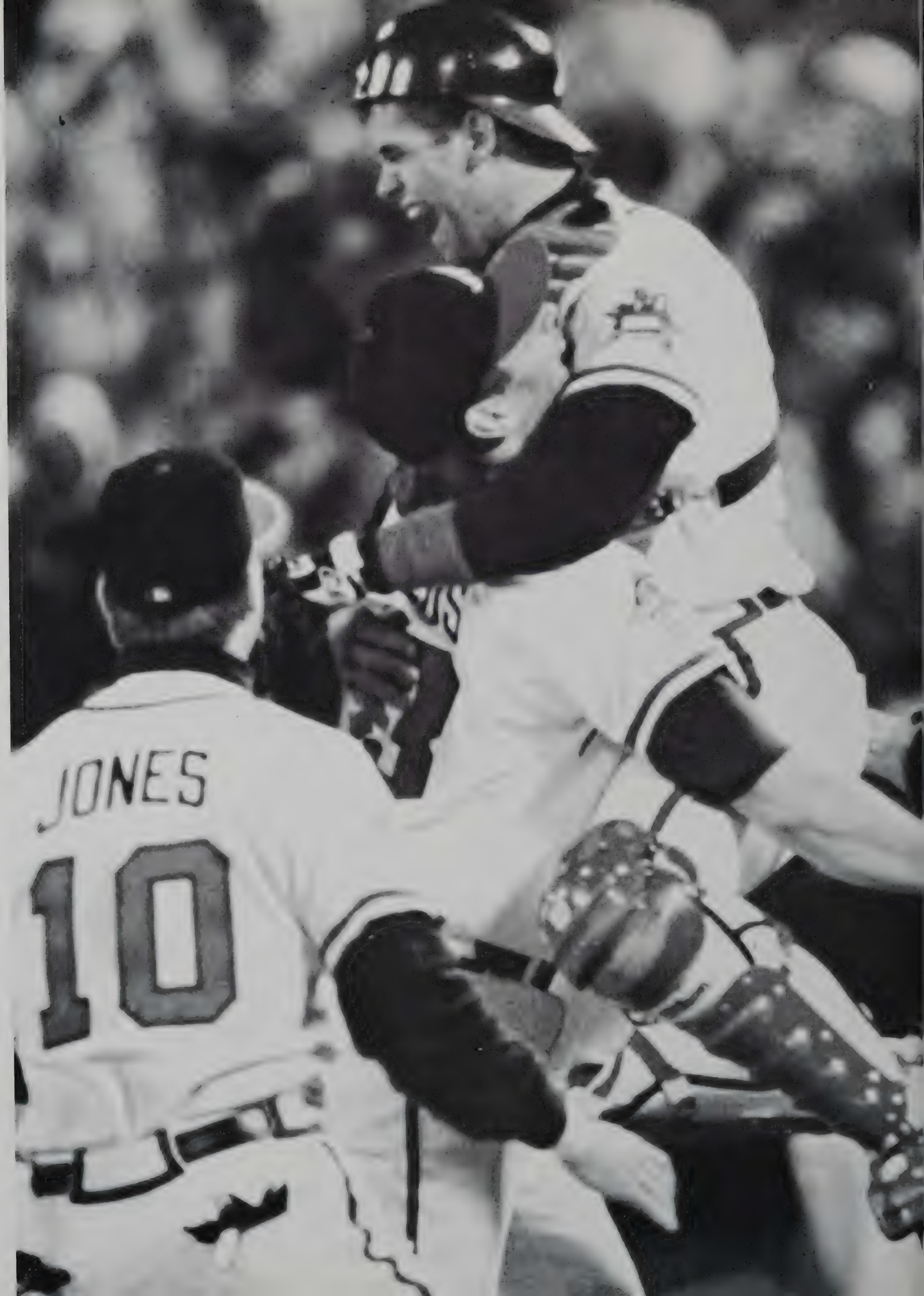
The first detailed image of a distant star shows that the red giant Betelgeuse has a single, gargantuan hot spot that may be 12,000 degrees and an atmosphere extending much farther into space than once thought.

A Hubble Space Telescope image of Betelgeuse gives for the first time details of a star other than the sun and suggests that it may have dramatic physical differences from the sun.

"We have looked into space and have seen the face of a star," said Andrea Dupree of Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Massachusetts. "It is exciting."

Betelgeuse, 500 light years from the earth, is the shoulder star in the constellation Orion, the hunter.

It is the seventh brightest star in the winter sky of the northern hemisphere and appears to have a reddish tint to the naked eye.





Colophon

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First World Series in two years

The Cleveland Indians and the Atlanta Braves squared off in the first World Series in two years.

This was, perhaps, the first between teams with politically incorrect nicknames.

The hard-hitting Indians compiled a lofty team batting average of .291 for the season, while the Braves' pitching staff, led by Greg Maddux (19-2), was widely acknowledged to be the game's best.

It was a Series of the bats vs. the arms. And in the end, the arms were held aloft in triumph.

The Braves won the Series in six games, after taking a two-games-to-none lead in their home park. They won the Series on their return to Atlanta with a 1-0 victory marked by David Justice's home run and the one-hit pitching of Tom Glavine, who was named Series MVP.

Pope John Paul II visits United States

For a few days, a religious man dominated the headlines. And for a change, it gave Americans something good to talk about.

The newsmaker was Pope John Paul II, and the occasion was his visit to the United States in early October, 1995.

The 75 year old pontiff began his five day visit by addressing the United Nations General Assembly in conjunction with the organization's 50th anniversary.

During his stay, the pope celebrated outdoor Mass in both New York and New Jersey

Rainy, windy weather did little to dampen the spirits of the faithful who gathered to hear him speak, catch a glimpse of him or even touch him as he swept past.

In Baltimore, he addressed an audience at the baseball stadium and lunched at a soup kitchen before flying back to Rome.

Throughout his visit, the pope called for greater attention to the needs of the less fortunate.





Graf defeats Seles at U.S. Open

It was a match between two players vying for the top position in women's tennis.

On September 9, 1995, Germany's Steffi Graf emerged as #1 as she beat Monica Seles in New York to win her fourth U.S. Open title.

For Graf, it was the third consecutive Grand Slam title, coming after victories at Wimbledon and at the French Open.

"Nothing can ever come close to this one," Graf said. "I had a lot of obstacles to climb over." She played with a bone bruise on one foot.

Another complication was Graf's father who is serving time in a German prison on tax fraud charges.

In spite of her defeat on the tennis court, Monica Seles feels like a victor of sorts. This loss was the first in a dozen matches that marked her inspired return to the sport after a two year absence.

Seles had been stabbed in the back by a deranged fan at a match in Hamburg, Germany.

"It has been very exciting to be playing again," Seles said. "As long as I keep having fun, that is what is going to matter to me the most."

Tears shed, fears found as year comes to a close

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nother year closed. A few tears were shed and a few fears were found. Seniors realized they were headed to a new world much different than high school. In the halls, seniors were heard commenting on how glad they were to be out of school and to be on their way to college. A great year of sports and a great year of memories graced the minds of all students. "When I look back on this year, I think it will be the best of all my high school career," Eric Cosner, junior, said. When students looked back on this year, fond memories came to mind. Another high-ranking class was produced by the devoted faculty and staff of Southern. "Christian's (Coviello, Salutatorian) speech at graduation was very good," Jimmy Brown, junior, said. "It was really funny and still had a point which is hard to come by anymore."

Elizabeth Sines

Salutatorian Christian Coviello prepares to give blood during the American Heart Association Blood-Mobile. The same as valedictorians Nicole Bosley and Megan Battista, Christian plans to go on to college.





Another year of projects and specials guests like Stewart (the snake) came to a close. It seemed students of Mr. Bruce Taliaferro, Ricky Vecchioni and Amber Foglepole, became good friends with a snake belonging to Mr. Taliaferro's wife.

Eating their last lunch as tenth graders, Erin McClive and Erin Wampler enjoy their food and the company. Both girls could be seen throughout the halls together many times.



At After Prom, Chad Tasker and Coby Bolden make their own music video. A list of karaoke songs was on a bulletin board before Prom and After Prom to allow students to choose a song before the After Prom party.



As June 6 passed, the halls became suddenly quiet except for the occasional custodian or teacher doing last minute work. Only a few students came to the school after the last day to finish work or check about their next year's schedules.

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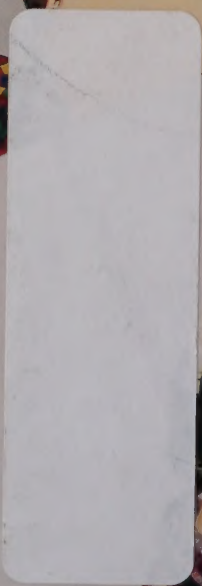
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